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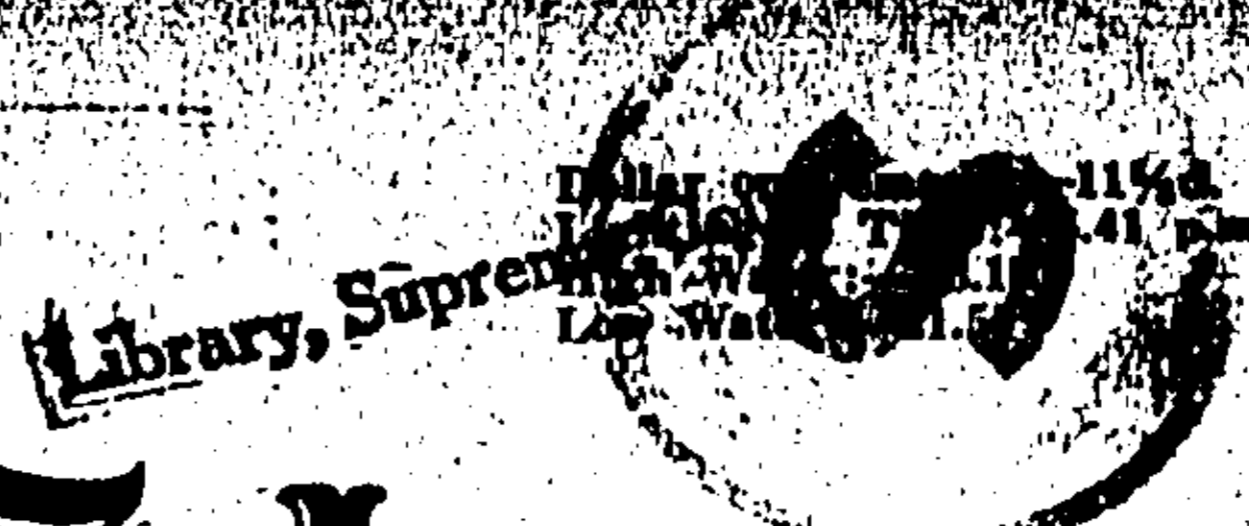
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READY TO START.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Apr. 9.
Some amusement has been caused in well-informed circles in Shanghai as a result of a denial by Reuter's Agency that the proposed flight of Major F. N. Schumaker and Lieut. Robert Short across the Pacific in a direct hop is really intended.

Reuter endeavours in a message published in the Shanghai papers to suggest that the Pacific flight is a myth, a suggestion which is somewhat startling in view of the cable received from the veteran airmen yesterday, signed by both, announcing that the plane is in perfect condition and that preparations for the flight are virtually complete.

There is no reason to suppose that, provided weather conditions are favourable, the airmen will not take off on their adventurous flight at dawn on April 16, this day week.

Arrangements Confirmed.

Reuter's denial, of course, led to enquiries in Shanghai, and friends of the two pilots at once confirmed that all arrangements for the use of the City of Tacoma II and all other arrangements were made prior to the departure of Major Schumaker and Lieut. Short from Shanghai.

As a matter of fact another cable was received from Japan late yesterday afternoon addressed to Captain Jerry Macle, of the Stinson-Detroit Air Corporation, who is a close friend of the pilots.

The latest cable states that plans for the flight are progressing smoothly, and they expect to take off as arranged.

The cable has been seen by local newspaper representatives and your correspondent, and Reuter's denial is discounted in the face of the fact that both airmen entered into long and detailed consultations with sea captains on the Pacific run and aviation experts in Shanghai, including Major Edward Howard, of the United States Department of Commerce.

Route Planned in Shanghai.

These consultations were held when the airmen were planning their route and gathering data regarding the weather conditions likely to be encountered on the Great Circle route across the Pacific.

It is also confirmed that the airmen have secured the City of Tacoma II (which is believed to be a machine of a type similar to that in which Commander Glen Kidston made his record-breaking dash from Wiltshire to Cape Town) for the purposes of the venture. It formerly belonged to Lieut. Bromley, who failed in a somewhat similar attempt last year.

RELIEF EFFORTS IN DROUGHT AREA.

RED CROSS FEEDING A MILLION DAILY.

Washington, Apr. 8.
The American Red Cross, which has been organising relief work in the drought-stricken areas of Arkansas and other States, is still feeding over a million people daily, according to the Chairman's report to President Hoover.

The report mentions that the maximum fed at the peak of distress was over two and a quarter millions. The situation is now improving, and the Red Cross hopes that the need for relief will end by June.

UPWARD TREND IN TRADE COMING.

ECONOMIC CRISIS NEARLY AT AN END.

IMPORTANT FIGURES.

London, Apr. 8.
Definite indications that the trade slump is coming to an end in Britain has been afforded on many occasions in the last few weeks, and additional encouragement is certain to be taken from the fact that there has been a further check to the rate of decline in wholesale prices as measured at the Board of Trade.

The index number for March is returned at 67.3, which represents a fall of only 0.3 per cent. from February.

This is the smallest monthly percentage of decline recorded by the Board of Trade since the downward movement began in October 1929, and it follows upon the previous smallest fall recorded last month of 0.6 per cent.

There has been a fall of fifteen per cent. since March last year.

The figures suggest that the downward movement of prices, which has been a marked feature of the world economic crisis, may be nearing an end, and that the upward trend, to which economists look for reviving enterprise and stimulating industry may be within sight.

Retail prices have also dropped heavily, recent figures quoted by Mr. Cowper, the manager of Messrs. Whiteley's, showing that prices have dropped 15 per cent., as compared with a year ago, blankets by 25 per cent., hosiery by 20 per cent., meat by ten per cent., butter, bacon, cheese, and eggs by 25 per cent., and general groceries by 15 per cent.—British Wireless.

ANTICIPATING THE BUDGET.

BIG TEA FIRMS TAKING HEAVY SUPPLIES.

London, Apr. 8.

In order to be on the safe side and to guard against the possibility that Mr. Snowden will restore the tea duty in the coming budget, extremely heavy deliveries of tea have been made to the big tea firms in Britain for some days past according to the Evening News.

The tea duty was removed by Mr. Snowden last year, and so far there has been no suggestion from Labour circles that it would be restored.

There is a prospect of an increase in the tobacco duty as the amount permitted to be taken from bond during the current month has been reduced to one-twelfth of the normal quantity.—Reuter.

CHINA PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE REQUESTS REPRESENTATION.

Nanking, Apr. 8.
Delegates representing the Women's League of Shanghai and Canton have arrived here and will shortly appeal to the National Government Council for permission to be represented at the National People's Convention on May 5th.

Among the recommendations submitted to the National People's Convention is one from a member of the Nanking Executive Committee suggesting that the Convention should pass a resolution making Nanking the permanent capital of the Nationalist Government.

KING'S YACHT ALTERATIONS.

"BERMUDA RIG" FOR THIS SEASON.

London, Apr. 8.
The King's yacht, Britannia, left Cowes to-day for Gosport to have her new mast adjusted and made suitable for "Bermuda rig" in which she will sail during the summer.

ELECTION UPSETS CHICAGO.

THE WINDY CITY NO LONGER ITSELF.

NO BLOODSHED & NO STREET BATTLES.

EDITORS SHOCKED.

New York, Apr. 8.

Chicago's meek and mild behaviour in the election for the Mayoralty, particularly after the exceedingly and surprisingly heavy defeat of the incumbent, Big Bill Thompson, has non-plussed the prophets.

The only rumour following the victory of "Tony" Cermak was the rocket-shooting at the stars, hence the London editor who telephoned to the Chicago police headquarters enquiring how much bloodshed had resulted from the election was surprised to learn that there had been none.

Another leading London paper sent a special correspondent to Chicago to telegraph the full toll.

BIG CUNARDER GOES AGROUND.

STUCK ON MUDBANK IN A DENSE FOG.

NO DAMAGE CAUSED.

London, Apr. 8.

During a dense fog in the Solent yesterday, the giant Cunarder liner "Beren-garia" grounded on a mud-bank near the Isle of Wight.

The liner was going dead slow at the time of the mishap with the result that she did not go badly aground. Getting off without much difficulty to-day, the vessel has since berthed at Southampton.

After a careful examination, both inside and outside the liner, it was found that she had suffered no damage and she will sail for New York on Saturday according to schedule.—British Wireless.

of the expected fatalities in electoral street battles, but there were none.

The latest figures show that Cermak's margin of victory was 191,900 which is an unprecedented margin in Chicago history.

Hippodroming to Cease.

Cermak, in the course of a speech of thanks for his return, said that Chicago would not be disappointed by his administration, adding, "This begins a new day for Chicago, a new day for the muddled finances, City Hall hippodroming will cease. We shall set ourselves the task of preparing the city for a successful centennial exhibition in 1933."

Thompson, on the verge of exhaustion, accepted the result sportingly, and telegraphed congratulations to his ex-minister opponent; and told an interviewer that "despite the result I shall continue to uphold the teachings of George Washington."

Reforms Promised.

Thompson's ejection by the Bohemian immigrant Cermak, who made a fortune through speculation, has followed a campaign unparalleled in history.

"Big Bill's" repertoire included, "Jew baiter, Hun, catpaw of international financiers," to which Cermak replied in the comprehensive phrase "blubbing, crooked contractors and bloodsucking jobbers."

Cermak's reply to Thompson's congratulatory demand that the latter hand over the administration immediately, to enable an early start on spring cleaning, in the city.

Of only five wards standing by Thompson, one was the Negro quarter and another the poorer section of the city.

Popular Vote in Bermuda.

Object Lesson for Hongkong.

A MOVE NEEDED.

The Colonial Secretary, Lord Passfield, in a despatch to the Officer Administering the Government of Bermuda, requests the Bermuda Legislature in the near future to consider an extension of the local franchise which would bring it into closer conformity with contemporary British institutions elsewhere.

The despatch points out that the registered electors in Bermuda are less than six per cent., and also that throughout the Empire the franchise has been very generally granted to women.—British Wireless.

Bermuda, like Hongkong, is a Crown Colony, but far smaller both in size and importance. It comprises a group of islands in the Western Atlantic, the total area of which is only 19 square miles. The population is 30,800, the whites numbering about 1,000 more than the coloured inhabitants.

There is an Executive Council consisting of four official and three unofficial members, whilst the Legislative Council comprises three official and six unofficial members. There is also a House of Assembly consisting of thirty-six members, four of whom are elected by each of nine parishes.

Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils are paid 8s. per day for each day of attendance.

There are about 1,800 electors, the electoral qualifications being possession of freehold property of not less than 200 value.

The qualification for a member of the House of Assembly is the possession of freehold property rated at £240.

STRANCH SPEECH BY FIRST LORD.

HINTS THREAT TO NAVAL AGREEMENT.

LEGAL TREATY PLAN.

London, Apr. 8.

"I cannot and will not believe that after the agreement we reached in person in Paris and Rome, secured only by the hearty co-operation and goodwill of the principal State officials of France and Italy whom we met in both capitals, that the agreement should now be allowed in any way to suffer," declared Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at Hull to-day.

"We shall work to the utmost to assist in consummating the agreement."

He said that the British Government desired to consummate the agreement by a legal treaty and thereby secure, firstly, the removal of a real handicap to a free and frank and full discussion of disarmament at the World Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and, secondly, secure that that comparative lack of Franco-Italian understanding be substituted by closer and more cordial relations.—Reuter.

MR. PEDDIE DIES OF WOUNDS.

BENGALI ASSAILANT STILL AT LIBERTY.

Calcutta, Apr. 8.

Mr. James Peddie, the District Magistrate of Midnapore, who was shot down by an unknown assailant while visiting an educational exhibition yesterday, has died of his wounds in hospital.

Mr. Peddie received five bullet wounds, and it was realised on his admission to hospital that his condition was critical.

THE EXTRADITION MUDDLE.

WASHINGTON ACTS AT LAST.

CALIFORNIA AGENT DUE IN MAY.

ANOTHER REMAND.

Somewhat more definite information regarding the expectations of further detention of the accused in respect of the extradition proceedings pending in the local Court against Mrs. Jeng Shue, formerly of California, was forthcoming when the case was again mentioned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning.

In reply to his Worship, who asked whether there was any further news, Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) said the prosecution was in possession of an official letter from the Consul-General of the United States in Hongkong to the effect that a police agent was expected to arrive in Hongkong on May 2.

BRITISH EXTRALITY POLICY.

MAY RELINQUISH RIGHTS EXCEPTING SHANGHAI.

A PEKING REPORT.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.
Semi-official circles here are optimistic on the receipt of news from Peking that the British Government may make further a concession to China in respect of the abolition of extrality.

The British Government may, it is said, be willing to relinquish extrality in China, with the exception of Shanghai.

Nanking opinion is that this friendly gesture by the British Government would be much appreciated by the Chinese Government and would lead to an early settlement of this difficult problem.

So far, the Nanking Foreign Office has not been officially informed of the alleged British intention.

pected to arrive in Hongkong on May 2.

The necessary documents had been passed from Washington to the Governor of California for delivery to an agent, who was due to arrive in the Colony early next month.

His Worship remarked that in that case he supposed the only thing to do was to remand the fugitive for another week.

Mr. F. H. Losby, who appeared for the defence, raised no objection, but said he failed to understand the reference to California. The Treaty was with the United States and the local Court knew nothing about California.

The only people they were concerned with was the United States. He did not know if the United States had power to delegate authority to a State. It seemed peculiar for a Treaty State to write to another Treaty State and say that they had handed papers over to some one else.

Complicated Process.

Mr. Murphy thought the position was that the papers were forwarded from California to American Government, and after they had been dealt with there, they were returned to be delivered to Hongkong, together with the escort. There was no object in sending the escort without the papers.

Mr. Losby remarked that if the United States Government had done what they should have done in the first place, namely, sent an escort, his client would have been in the United States by now.

Ball Reduction Refused.

Applying for the reduction of bail, Mr. Losby said, he still thought it would be better to have the case decided by the local Court.

INDIAN COMMERCE INVITES EXCHANGE BREAK.

WARNING BY FINANCE MEMBER.

RUPEE VALUATION.

New Delhi, Apr. 8.

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, which has been strongly critical of the sales of silver by the Government of India, particularly in making its sales in London instead of Bombay, and in failing to protect Indian investors in silver, to-day passed a resolution demanding the cessation of further Government efforts to maintain the value of the rupee at eightpence.

Sir George Schuster, the Finance Member of the Government of India, defending the Government's policy, expressed amazement at the change in Indian commercial opinion, which now urged the Government to allow exchange to drift.

Sir George added that financial chaos like that now evident in China, would ensue from any attempt to juggle with exchange.

He urged the meeting not to ask the Government to wreck the future of India by asking them to do something which they knew to be wrong.

It is contended by the Chambers of Commerce that the maintenance of the high valuation of the rupee has increased the economic depression in India.

The last previous public statement of the finance member on this subject was as follows:—

"I repeat with all emphasis I can command that Government have not considered and do not intend to consider any departure from the basis fixed by statute in 1827 for the valuation of the rupee. They will on the contrary use all the resources at their disposal to maintain the ratio at 18d. and they have no doubt that these resources are ample to do so. I feel I should be failing in my duty if I did not make government's intentions clear on this point."—Reuter.

ATTACKS ON WAGES IN NORTH EUROPE.

DANISH LOCKOUT DELAYED: NORWEGIAN STOPPAGE.

London, Apr. 8.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen stating that the threatened lockout of fifty thousand men had been postponed until April 20, and that negotiations for a settlement of the wages dispute were still proceeding, led to the belief in London that the industrial upheaval in Norway had been averted.

It was later learned, however, that the postponed lockout concerns fifty thousand Danish workmen, who were in a similar plight to those of Norway.

It is now learned from Oslo that the Norwegian workers are not so fortunate, Reuter's correspondent stating that the lock-out of forty-three thousand men began to-night. Another batch of 25,000 workers are threatened with a lockout next week.—Reuter.

KING SLIGHTLY BETTER.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS RECORDED.

London, Apr. 8.

It was stated at Windsor Castle to-day that there was a slight improvement in the King's condition although His Majesty remained in his room, he was not confined to bed.

The King's Physician, Lord Dawson, again drove to Windsor Castle to-day and saw the King together with Sir Nilsson Rees, laryngologist, and Dr. Daryn of Windsor.

To-day's slight improvement is regarded as a favourable sign following on the slow but satisfactory progress recorded yesterday, but if this improvement continues as anticipated it will still require two or three days before restoration to normal health can be expected.—British Wireless.

months or more and not allowed reasonable ball.

JUNE FIXED FOR HEART TO HEART TALKS.

GERMAN VISIT TO LONDON.

BRITISH FLEET TO GO ON COURTESY CALL.

TELEGRAPH BUSY.

London, Apr. 8.

Heart to heart talks between the Prime Ministers and Foreign Secretaries of Germany and Great Britain will take place in June and will occupy a period of five days.

After consultations between the Foreign Office in London and Berlin, requiring frequent despatch of messages to Brighton, Lissiemouth, the Black Forest and Bavaria, where Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Dr. Bruening and Dr. Curtius are respectively holiday-making at the present time, the date of the visit of the German ministers to England has been finally fixed for June 5th-9th.

Difficulties Overcome.

Although the invitations extended to the German Chancellor (Dr. Bruening) and his Foreign Minister were accepted some time ago, the question of the date was, at the time, left open owing to the difficulty of finding a period which did not conflict with the existing engagements of the German visitors or of the British Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.

The German Ministers suggested early May in order that their talks might deal with certain European problems before the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, but this suggestion was impossible of acceptance owing to engagements of the British representatives.

The difficulties were overcome to-day when it was found that June 5th was the earliest mutually convenient date.

Origin of Invitation.

It is explained by the Foreign Office that the visit of the German Ministers to England originated in conversations between Mr. Arthur Henderson and the German Ambassador in London in March.

It was then informally suggested that as the British Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, had had frequent conversations with the statesmen of other countries, a meeting between Mr. MacDonald and Dr. Bruening, who have never yet met, would be acceptable as affording an opportunity of discussing questions of mutual interest.

Two Days at Chequers.

Dr. Bruening and Dr. Curtius will arrive in London on June 5, will spend the Saturday and the Sunday at Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, and will give a banquet at the German Embassy on the Monday to the British Government and the Corps Diplomatique.

They will return to Berlin on June 9.

Fleet's Visit.

The proposal of the British Government that the British Fleet should pay a courtesy visit to German waters and ports has been heartily welcomed by the German Government and naval authorities.

No date has yet been fixed for the visit, which will be the first since the War, but it is expected that the British Fleet will visit Kiel or Wilhelmshaven.—Reuter and British Wireless.

SIAMESE ROYALTY IN JAPAN.

LEAVING TO-DAY FOR CANADA.

The King of Siam, King Vajiravudh, will leave for Canada to-day, accompanied by his family and a large entourage.

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**NEW PREMISES OF
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OPENED BY LADY PEEL AT
BONHAM ROAD.

The new premises of the Young Women's Christian Association, at No. 38, Bonham Road, were declared open yesterday afternoon by Lady Peel, in the presence of a large gathering. The acquisition of these new premises is the result of a building fund campaign which was inaugurated at Government House in March, last year.

Lady Peel arrived at three o'clock, escorted by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., and was met by Mrs. Ma Wing-chun and members of the Executive Committee. Lady Peel opened the front door and entered the building, being followed by a large number of people.

Mrs. Ma presided over the gathering inside, and among others on the platform were Miss F. C. Woo, M.B.E., Miss Shin Tak-hing, general secretary, Hon. Mr. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. G. P. de Martin and the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling. In addition to other Chinese ladies and gentlemen.

Silver Key Presented.

After a hymn of dedication had been sung, and the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling had delivered a dedication prayer and conducted responses, Miss Woo presented a silver key to Lady Peel.

In making the presentation, Miss Woo said they were grateful to Lady Peel for her attendance and it was desired that she should accept the key as a memento. Miss Woo expressed the hope that Lady Peel would make use of the key, as any visits from patrons would always serve as an encouragement to them in their activities.

Lady Peel returned thanks for the gift.

In giving a brief history of the Association, Miss Shin Tak-hing said:

To-day we are realizing that this Young Women's Christian Association is beginning its twelfth year in Hongkong. It is interesting to think back to that group of women who began the idea of a Y.W.C.A. in Hongkong. These first six women gathered together, one by one, the rest of us, some teachers, some mothers and some women from various churches, to form a pre-organization committee. They had asked the National General Secretary, Miss Coppock, who was passing through on her way to Canton, to help organize, and she said, "Secure a Chinese secretary first, then the National Committee will send a western secretary." Miss Nell Elliott was the first western secretary sent and I had the honour to be the first Chinese secretary.

The four-fold programme of spiritual, mental, physical and social development appealed strongly to the new growing Association, and the activities which developed through the years, tried to open a new era for home life, and through the home to the national life, with the goal to make no distinction between high and low, rich and poor, in creed, race or class.

Inadequate Premises.

We started with two rooms on Caine Road. Day by day the activities grew and membership was strengthened, until finally two whole floors were necessary. During these years the women of the Association, to translate a Chinese saying, "were giving all their abilities, and receiving for all their needs," through certain lines of work, such as health clinic for babies, because a woman's biggest interest after all is her home and children, student and girls work to train the coming generation, social and recreational activities to widen one's outlook; general education to develop cultural life; leadership training as an outlet for creative self-expression, service to society, and underlying all the Christian spirit at work through all activities.

After this first five or six years, we had outgrown our building, and for the last four or five years have been searching for a suitable site. Since no suitable site could be found to build upon, this house was bought to meet the immediate needs. We look back with pleasure to March last year, and the happy meeting at Government House, when Mrs. Southern invited all of us there to open a building fund campaign, and Mr. Kotewall gave us courage and inspiration for our cause. To-day we have come to celebrate the realization of our goal. We are glad to have Mr. Kotewall with us again, and so many of you all, our old friends and supporters, to help celebrate this success.

Contributors Thanked.

On behalf of the Y.W.C.A. I want to thank all of you who have made this building possible, especially Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen, who contributed the largest amount, \$10,000 and Mr. J. E. Joseph, for his generous gift of \$5,000. I should like to thank individually the thousand and two hundred and more contributors if that were possible to-day. Since this is an organization for Chinese women and girls, you will be interested to know that 95 per cent. of the gifts came from Chinese. As you know we have begun a campaign this spring, for \$16,000 for furniture, equipment and current expenses. So far we have been encouraged by the loyal support we have received. We have not raised the complete amount yet, but we know we will get it and that you will help us. We want you to feel this organization belongs to the community and is truly yours, and that we need your guidance and suggestion.

We are grateful for the thousands of women and girls who come through our doors each year, and are grateful for the enlarged opportunity for women to work for women. We have dreamed, and worked, and dared; and now our dreams have come true. Now we ask you to share our happiness.

Mr. Kotewall's Appeal.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall said:—In March, 1930, I had the honour of addressing a large and representative gathering at Government House, making an appeal on behalf of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. for financial assistance to enable it to acquire a permanent building, a building more suited to its needs. Just one year has elapsed, and in this short space of time the Association has succeeded in raising over \$60,000, and in purchasing the fine building in whose opening ceremony we have just had the pleasure of participating. While this building cannot be said to be a "lusty edifice," it is certainly better in every way than the dingy premises recently occupied by the Association. It will serve as a standing monument to the ability and energy of the Committee, as also of those public-spirited ladies who assisted them in raising the large sum mentioned.

Though the Association has got its permanent building, it is still short of about \$16,000; and its Committee has therefore requested me to make another appeal to your generosity. Knowing as I do the splendid work the Y.W.C.A. has done, I have no hesitation in putting this second plea before you. Its objects are to minister to the spiritual, mental, physical and social needs of women and girls in the Colony, irrespective of creed or race; and its various activities, to my knowledge, have been directed towards the realization of this fourfold purpose.

Lady Peel's Sympathy.

The fact that Lady Peel has so graciously come here to perform the opening ceremony is eloquent evidence of the sympathy she has with the Association's work. The sum wanted is not large, and I earnestly hope that all of you, whether you are members of the Y.W.C.A. or not, and whether you are members of the Christian Church or not, will help in relieving the Committee of this financial anxiety, for the self-sacrificing work they are doing is being done for the good of the community as a whole.



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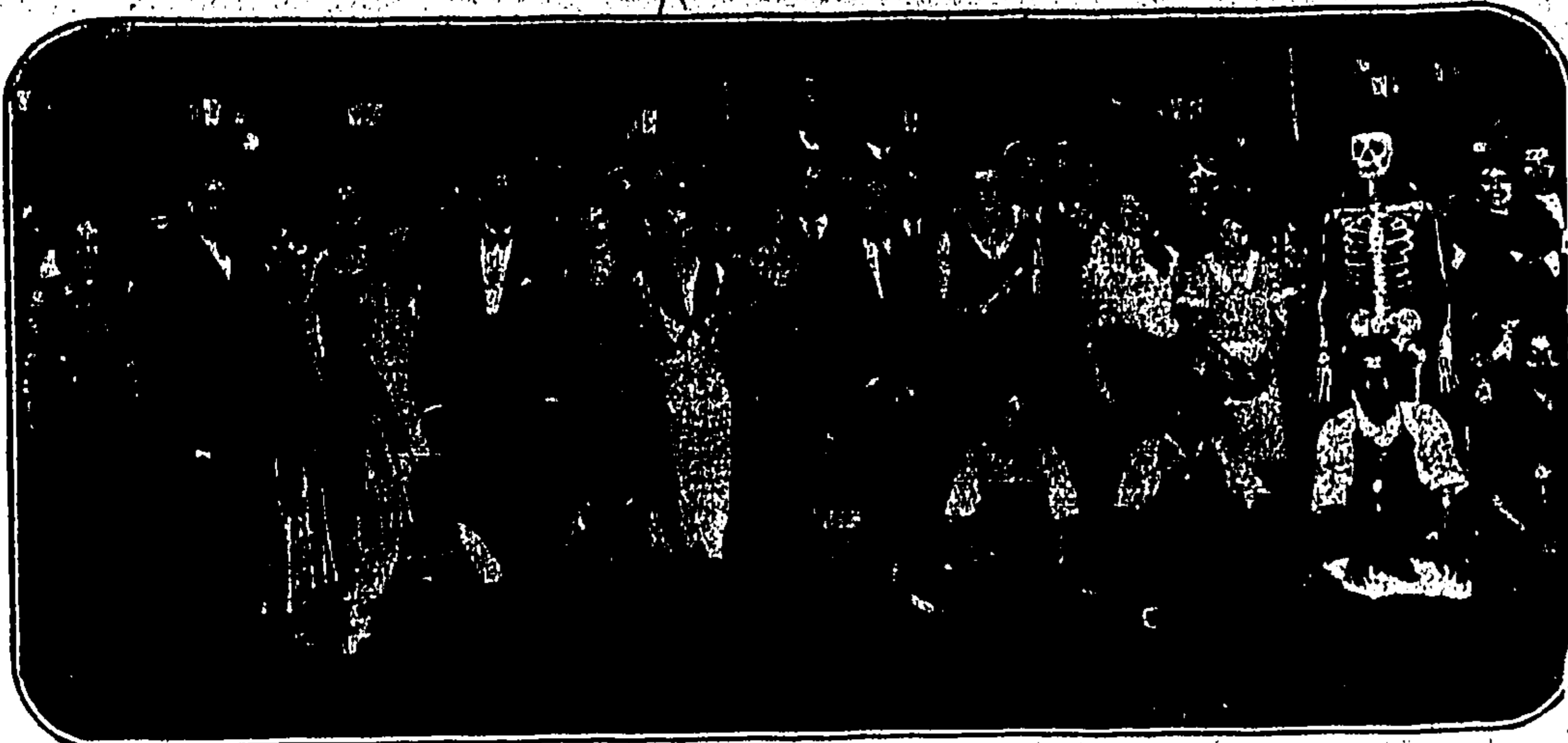
IN BANDIT HANDS.
AMERICANS BEING WELL TREATED.
Peking, Apr. 8.
A letter from the American missionaries, Messrs. Nelson and Tvedt, who were captured last October by bandits, states that they are still well. Seventy Chinese prisoners are also being held for ransom by the brigands. The Americans have received medicines sent to them. Negotiations are now proceeding as to the methods whereby cash for their ransom can be delivered, but the bandits are still demanding \$20,000 for the release of the foreigners.—Reuter.

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The above photo was taken in Shanghai on the occasion of a fancy dress ball given by the Gamma Phi Fraternity. The general atmosphere of gaiety rather belied the presence of the costume of a death to be observed at the right of the picture.



Charles Farrell and Virginia Yall, popular cinema stars, are shown above aboard the liner on which they sailed for Europe for a three months' honeymoon after their secret wedding at Yonkers recently.



Miss Fay Wray, the well-known Paramount artist, shown above, inspecting new clothes, is reputed to be the possessor of a wardrobe superior to anything in Hollywood, particularly in the way of gowns and slippers.



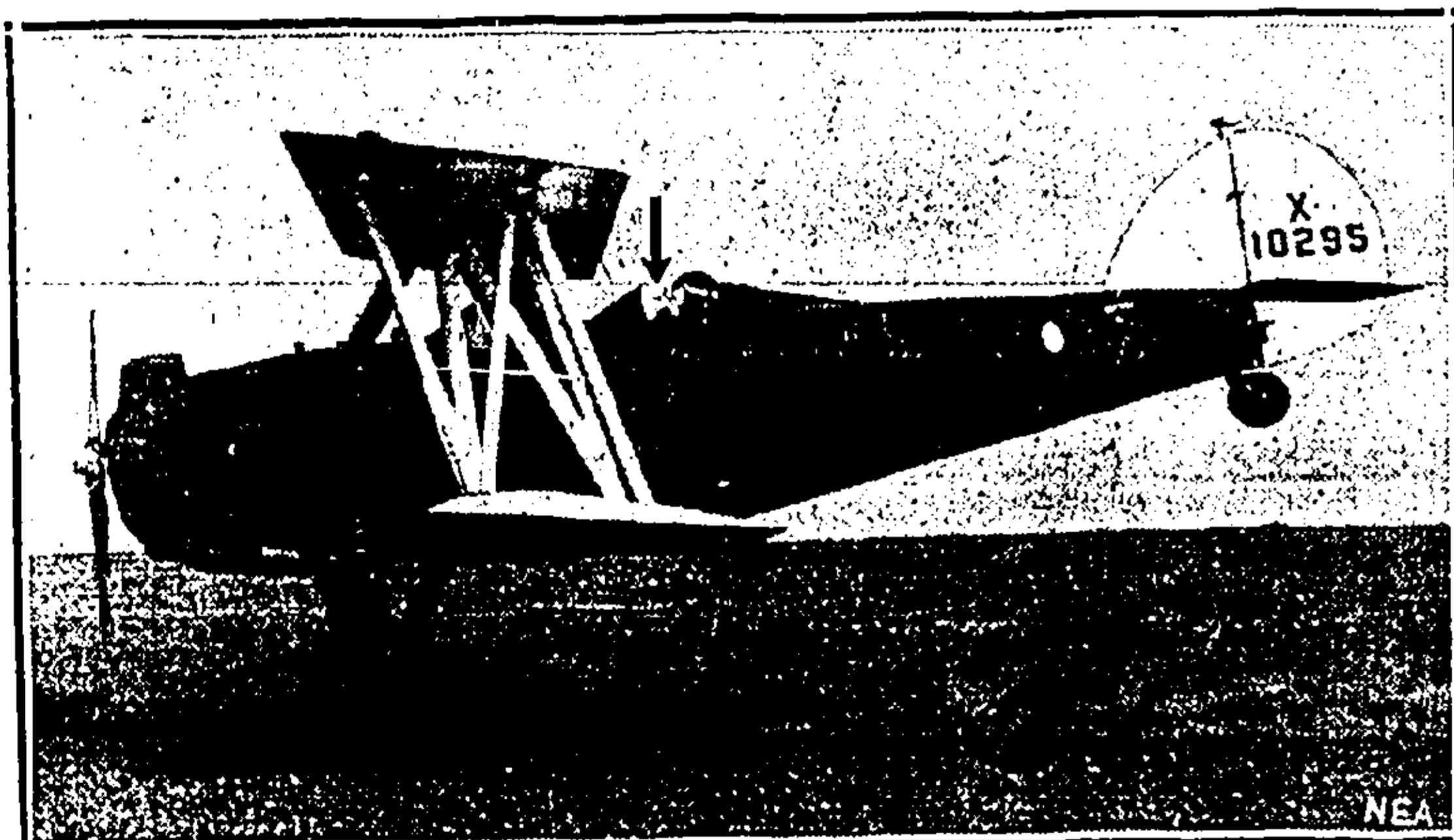
Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, wife of the new U. S. Consul-General in Hongkong.



Dr. Herman C. E. Liu, new member of the Chinese American Institute.



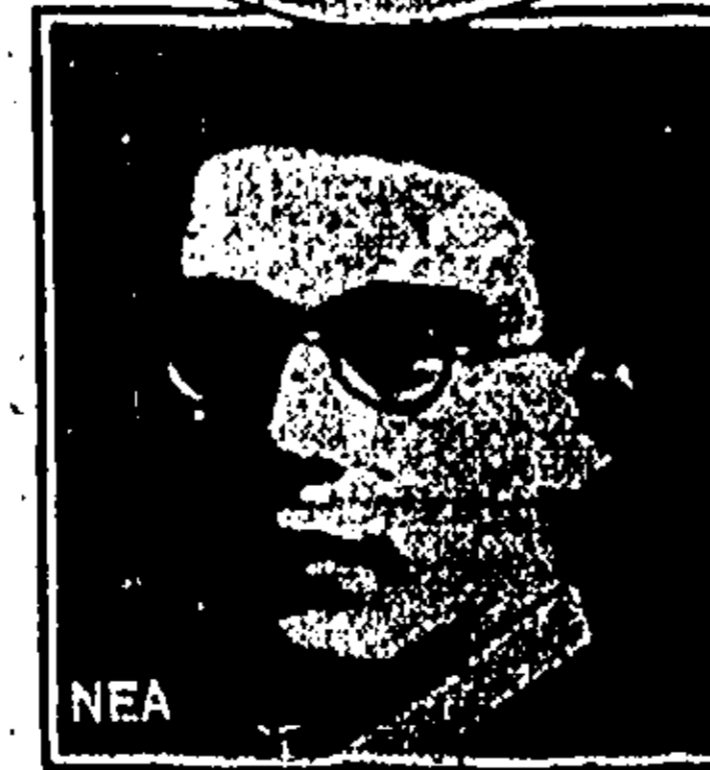
This hair-raising stunt is managed by the employment of electricity of high voltage but extremely low amperage. It is being employed in a Portland barber's shop to enable the operator to make an even trim without difficulty.



A remarkable claim is made for the machine illustrated above, namely that it is practically capable of landing itself without the aid of a pilot. In the photo it will be seen that the pilot's hands are off the controls. The secret is in the wings.



President Hoover lost his secretary recently. Our picture shows the American Chief Executive bidding good-bye to Mr. George Akerson, who has accepted a directorship with a leading motion picture company. No successor to the post he has vacated has so far been announced.



Prince Lennart and his fiancée, Miss Karin Nies-vandt, daughter of a Stockholm merchant. The wedding has been postponed on the intervention of the king.



The aged American inventor, Mr. Thomas Edison, is shown above with Mrs. Edison at Fort Myers, Florida, after recent ceremonies in which a new \$500,000 bridge across the Caloosahatchee River was dedicated in his honour. Fort Myers has been Edison's winter home for the past 45 years.



Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Schumacher, who were married in Shanghai recently. The bridegroom is an American resident of long standing. The bride was formerly Miss Ruth Gilman.

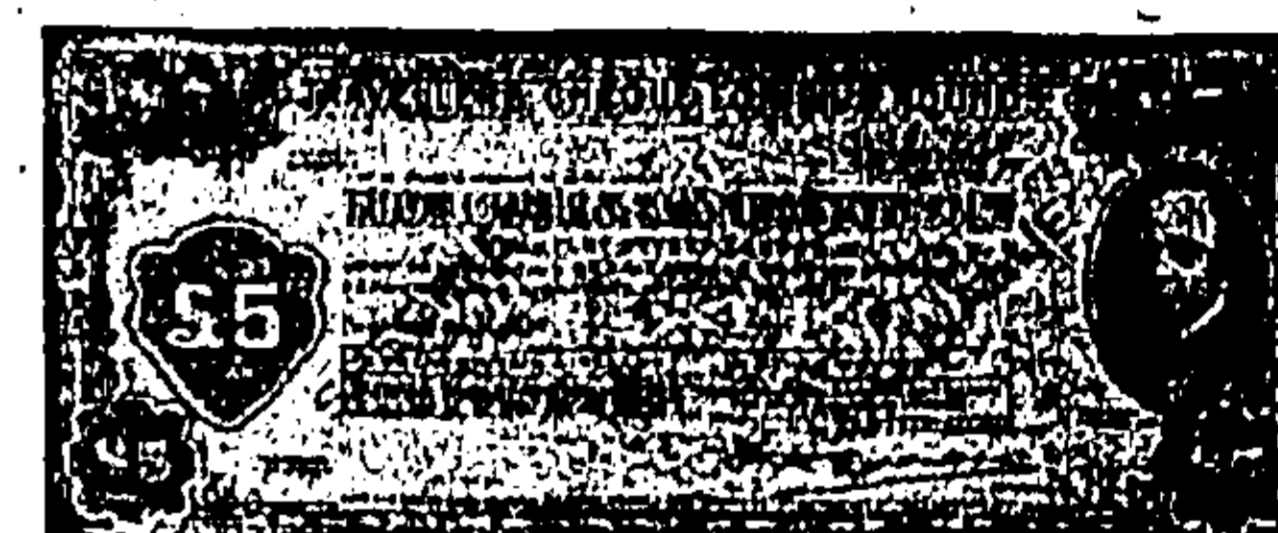


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733, 734, 737, 738, 753, 760, 773,
776, 777, 778.

PERSONAL.

"BORROWED" from the United Services Recreation Club, between 6 and 8 p.m. on 7th April, heavy Fawn Mackintosh (marked with letter "M" outside back of collar). Will borrower now kindly return to the Club, or to the owner, Lieut. Col. E. D. Mathews, at the office of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

WANTED KNOWN.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Spring Jumble Sale, Friday, May 7th. Contributions of clothing etc. gratefully received at the Church Hall on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

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WANTED.—An energetic Chinese youth who has qualified in the recent Matriculation Exam. of the Hongkong University, seeks employment as a clerk in any firm. Write Box No. 780, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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LOST.—GOETZ CAMERA in BROWN LEATHER CASE, left hanging on the upper deck of a "VENETIAN" on the return trip from Macau on Monday, April 6. Finder please communicate with Box No. 779, "Hongkong Telegraph." Reward.

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C. J. ENDEIT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business.
8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when both Stores will close at 1 p.m.
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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	North of Inland Lot No. 2457	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1736, Waterloo Road	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 42,500	\$492	\$2,100
As per sale plan.						

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tai, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	North of Inland Lot No. 2457	North of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 240, P. Island Street	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 6,109	\$94	\$1,377
As per sale plan.						

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at May Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 3160	May Road	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 2,200	\$16	\$2,200
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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$20.10 b.
Chartered Bank, £16 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £25 n.
East Asia \$118 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$13.80 n.
Union Ins., \$630 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.30 1/2 b.
China Fires, \$525 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$24 1/2 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$25 1/2 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$35 1/2 n.
Mining.
Benguet, \$9 1/2 b.
Kailash, \$3 1/2 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5 1/2 s.
Humb, \$38 1/2 b.
Venz, Goldfields \$3.75 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$159 1/2 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 1/2 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Provident, \$5.15 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 282 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cotton Tls. 14 1/2 b.
S'hai Cotton Tls. 108 1/2 b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$14.40 b.
H. K. Land \$85 b.
S'hai Land Tls. 42 b.
Humphreys, \$16.50 s.
Realties, \$11.30 s.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$17.00 b.
Peak Tram, (old) \$14 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, \$91 b.
China Lights, (old) \$24.80 b.
H.K. Electric, \$78 1/2 b.
Telephones, \$49 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.
Singapore Traction, 6/6 n.
Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons \$40 s.
Canton Ice, \$3.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$15 1/2 b.
Ropes, \$13.65 s.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$24 1/2 b.
Watson, \$12.60 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$4.90 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincere, \$12 1/2 n.
Powells \$2.80 b.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$20 1/4 b.
Constructions, \$6 n.
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RADIO NOTICES.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan and Amoy	Tjilliwong	April 9
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London 12th March and parcels 5th March.)	Kalyan	April 9
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 21st March) and Europe via Siberia (London 23rd Mar.)	Pres. Jefferson	April 10
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 20th Mar.)	Karmala	April 10
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	April 11
Japan and Shanghai	Ilkawa Maru	April 12
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinegara	April 12
Manila	Shinyo Maru	April 12
Australia and Manila	Changto	April 13
Straits	Pres. McKinley	April 13
Batavia	Van Heutsze	April 14
Australia and Manila	Klano Maru	April 14
Japan and Shanghai	Angers	April 14
Japan and Shanghai	Ilkotsaki Maru	April 17
Straits	Haruna Maru	April 17
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th March.)	Pres. Adams	April 18
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 28th March.)	Emps. of Canada	April 18
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 24th Mar.)	Taiyo Maru	April 20
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 27th March.)	Pres. Grant	April 20
Japan	Kamo Maru	April 24

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Solviken	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Salgon	Talyuan	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C.	Emps. of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C. 27th Apr.)	
San Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Fri., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Emps. of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Manila	Japanese Prince	Fri., Apr. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow and Haiphong via Hongay	Kingyuan	Fri., Apr. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri., Apr. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Salgon and Mauritius	Tui How	Fri., Apr. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Apr. 10, 2 p.m.
Pongtong	Pongtong	Fri., Apr. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Kalyan	Fri., Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Kalyan	Fri., Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karmala	Sat., Apr. 11, 10 a.m.
	Parcels	Apr. 10, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 11, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 10, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 11, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 9th May.)	
Amoy	Tjilleboet	Sat., Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane	Karmala	Sat., Apr. 11, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due Brisbane 5th May.)	
Japan and *Canada via Victoria B.C.	Ixon	Sat., Apr. 11, 10 a.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 7th May.)	
Amoy, Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Takada	Sat., Apr. 11, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 12, 9 a.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

LOCAL RADIO.

SHAKESPEAREAN LECTURE FROM STUDIO.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres to-day is:—
6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie and Co.
6.00-6.45 p.m. European Children's Programme from the Studio.
6.45-7.00 p.m. Hawaiian Music.
My Bird Of Paradise.
Louisiana Lullaby.
Hawaiian Nights.
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Hilo Orchestra. 21424 and 21110.
7.00-7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.
7.30-7.45 p.m. Professor R. K. M. Simpson M.C. M.A. will give the fifth of a series of lectures on Shakespeare.

7.25-8.00 p.m. Concert Items.
Pianoforte Solo-La Campanella.
(Pagannini-Liszt).
Pianoforte Solo-Staccato Etude
(Rubinstein).

Mischa Levitzki. D1480.
Vocal Duo-The Old Sweet Song.
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham. B2937.

Violin Solo-Franziska Serenade
(Franz Lehar-F. Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Kreisler Serenade
(Franz Lehar).

Fritz Kreisler. 1158.
Song-Little Lady Of The Moon
(Gosset).

Synley Coltham (Tenor). B2742.
Pianoforte Solo-Concerto In E Minor (Mozart).
Pianoforte Solo-Suggestion
Diabolique (Prokofiev).

Violin Solo-Humoresque. E550.
(Tchakowsky-Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Albumblatt-Marguerite
(Albeniz) (Rachmaninoff-Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler. 1170.
Song-The Village Blacksmith.
(Weiss).
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
C1810.

8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
8.05-8.15 p.m. Chinese Grand Concert.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

REPLY TO PROTEST AGAINST ANIEKIEFF INCIDENT.

Tokyo, Apr. 8.
Japan's reply to the Soviet protest against last month's shooting affair has been made public.

It repeats regret at the attempt on M. Aniekieff, but insists that investigations have failed to show any connexion between the attempt on M. Aniekieff's life and any anti-Soviet campaign in Japan.—
Reuter.

[A Tokyo message of April 7 stated that the Japanese reply to the Soviet protest against the attempt on the life of M. Aniekieff, the Soviet Commercial Counsellor, last month, had been handed to M. Troyanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador, that evening.]

KAILAN MINING CO'S QUARREL.

ACUTE COAL SHORTAGE IN TIENTSIN.

Peking, Apr. 8.
The deadlock between the Kailan Mining Administration and the Peking-Mukden Railway continues, but it is understood that the coal shortage is much more serious at Tientsin than in Peking owing to the large number of industries at Tientsin and the fact that Peking can more easily obtain supplies from the coal mines at Tatung and Montankow; hence while the cost at Peking is somewhat higher than usual, it is still far from famine prices.

The Kailan management are very reticent in the matter, hence the rights of the quarrel are not easy to ascertain.—
Reuter.

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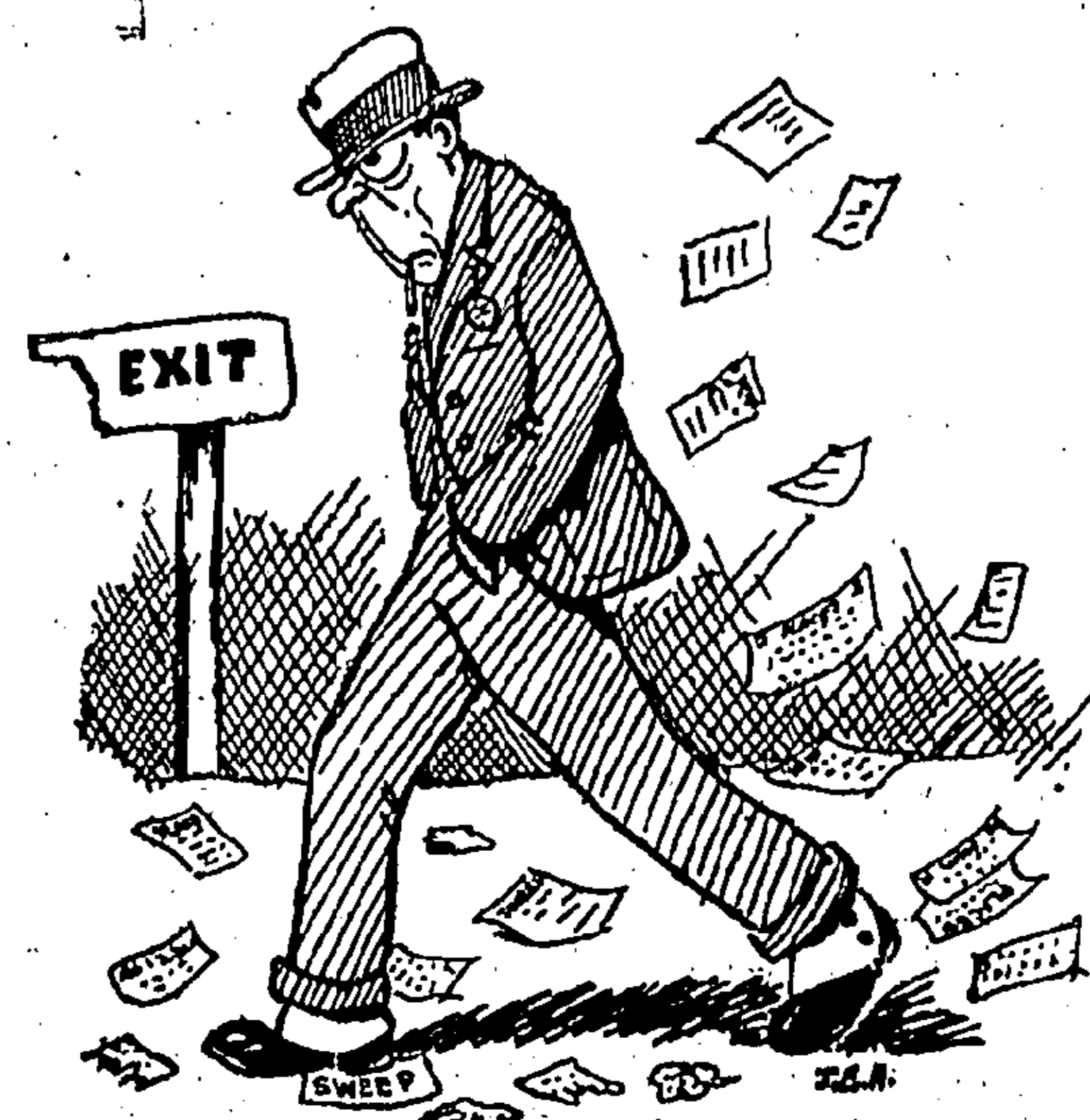
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21952—Little Pal
Why Can't You? Shilket-Victor Orchestra
21953—Why Can't You? Olsen's Music
Used to be
21954—Little Pal Arphie's Orchestra
I'm in Seventh Heaven
22056—Now I'm in Love Paul Oliver
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1931.

BRITAIN'S EXPORT HANDICAPS.

Hongkong business men will await with keen interest the pending report by the British Economic Mission which visited the East for the purpose of studying trade conditions on the spot and ascertaining how far it is possible for Britain to regain some of her lost markets in the Orient. From the remarks made by the members of the Mission on reaching Hongkong, it may be expected that the report will be of a particularly outspoken character, containing, possibly, some blunt home truths on the situation. So far as the piecegoods outlook is concerned, we notice that one of the members of the Mission asserted that price is the chief difficulty that Lancashire is up against in the Eastern markets. Here we encounter one of the greatest difficulties of the situation. Sir Thomas Allen, one of the Missioners, in the course of his speech at the farewell banquet in Hongkong, dramatically referred to this when he declared that if a "price market" means that the standard of life which the Mission had seen in China and Japan is to be the accepted standard of life for Great Britain and for the world, then all Hell's demons might well laugh at our economies and our civilisation.

Eventually, of course, with the march of progress, the workers of the East will demand, and get, a higher standard of wage, but foreign nations interested in the Oriental markets have to face the situation as it exists to-day, a circumstance which will illustrate the basic character of the problem. How Lancashire can hope to compete with China and Japan in the East, handicapped as she must be by higher production costs, to say nothing of freight charges, it is difficult to see. This matter of high production costs was recently touched upon in an informative statement on the British Industrial situation, issued by the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations. In that statement, it was pointed out that our costs are too heavy compared with those of foreign competitors, partly as the result of the relatively high standard of living and of public expenditure. Index numbers accompanying the statement show that with the British figure at 100 each

for national taxation per head, real wage level and social services, the respective figures for France are 64, 59 and 17, for Germany 60, 74 and 48, for Belgium 38, 50 and 7, and for Italy 30, 45 and 4. In the case of the United States, real wages are stated to be 188 in comparison with Britain's 100, but the taxation level is reported to be little less than a third as much as for Britain and the expenditure on social services negligible. A further point made is that before the Great War, it was Britain's export industries, sensitive to world conditions, which set the general standard of her wage levels, but since the war that standard has been set, not by export industries, but by non-export industries. The country has therefore lost that vital safeguard which previously linked the general standard of wage levels to the prices which British goods could command in the world markets. On the question of the growth of public expenditure, it is emphasised that whereas in 1913 British exports, amounting to £525 millions, exceeded public expenditure by £222 millions, in 1929 public expenditure was greater than exports by £365 millions. In these circumstances, it is not surprising that an immediate reduction in public expenditure should be demanded as the very essence of the restoration of the industrial situation.

The State, in taking from industry huge sums in taxation, is depriving it of the very means which would otherwise be available to facilitate that expansion and development which forms so large a part of the problem of rationalisation. Enough has been quoted to illustrate the handicaps under which the British exporting industries are labouring, quite apart from the wage standard which we cannot hope to see materially lowered. The situation is one of much gravity from the standpoint of a nation which must of necessity secure a large export trade to balance its imports. How it may be alleviated so far as the Eastern markets are concerned, we may hope to see indicated soon.

British Films for Hongkong.

The successful premiere of the new King's Theatre, the installation of talking-apparatus in two other local cinemas and the promised opening, in the very near future, of a seventh theatre similarly equipped, seem an earnest of the need for the institution of a quota system to ensure a hearing for British films. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that the organisation announced some time ago, planning to undertake the importation of British films has shown little signs of life, but this failure does not reduce the forcefulness of the plea. British films of the highest standards are available if effort is made to secure them, and the fact that before summer seven cinemas will be exhibiting talking-pictures would seem to suggest there is plenty of room for the British product. The few films from England that have leaked in have been cordially welcomed by local audiences, and eventually the cinema-going public will refuse to be debarred from seeing some of the world's greatest artists. The results of the operation of the quota system in England may well be employed in support of the proposal for Hongkong. Mr. Herbert Oakley, in the Fortnightly Review, shows that as a result of the quota, importations of American films fell to 6,688,927 linear feet of negative film in 1929, a reduction of 22 per cent. on the previous year. The twenty per cent. of British films shown in excess of the quota demand and it had grown in 1930 to over 25 per cent. The British industry produced over 2,000,000 linear feet of negative film in 1929 and a great deal more in 1930, so that taking a high average of 8,000 feet per programme, 500 programmes have been completed in England in the past two years. The American monopoly has been broken. Pro-

DAY BY DAY

A LITTLE LEARNING IS NOT A DANGEROUS THING TO ONE WHO DOES NOT MISTAKE IT FOR A GREAT DEAL.
—Blanche White.

A Chinese case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported to the health authorities yesterday.

Mr. Sverre Berg advertises that he has established himself as Stock and Sharebroker with offices in the Bank of Canton Building.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Horace William Bonner, No. 624, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Raquel Cheng Castillo, of the same address.

A fine of \$180, or one month's imprisonment, was imposed by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on Cheung Cheung, who admitted having had in his possession six tins of raw opium at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station.

A presentation is to be made by the Kowloon Residents Association to the Rev. J. H. Johnston at the St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Monday. Mr. Johnston, who has twice been President of the Association and a keen supporter of its activities, is shortly leaving the Colony.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington and Mrs. Wellington are passengers by the Empress of Asia, which leaves at 6 a.m. to-morrow. By the same liner Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer are proceeding to Shanghai, whilst Mr. E. Stone, of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., is proceeding to Yokohama on business.

The annual Jubilee Sale in connection with the Union Church, Kennedy Road, will take place on Friday, May 7th, and it is hoped that there will be a good response to the appeal for contributions of clothing etc., and other articles, which should be sent to the Church Hall on Wednesday or Saturday morning. The sale is organised annually in the interest of deserving charity, and the Committee carries out most kindly and useful work in this respect. It is hoped that generous support will be given, for the work is naturally measured by public response.

duction and exhibition have been linked together by the two leading companies—British International Pictures, Ltd. and Gaumont-British, Ltd.—both of which control large circuits of cinemas, thus ensuring them a substantial market. In Hongkong, it is largely block booking which keeps British films out of circulation. The theatre owners in order to keep their houses open continuously, which is only sound business, contract for enough pictures from the big producers to fill up all their available time. All film buying and booking in Hongkong is geared to this system, so that there is little outlet for films of British origin, though the industry has gone ahead with gigantic strides. Three cinemas for talking-pictures have commenced operations since the beginning of the month. A fourth will follow shortly. The Government would probably do the cinema-going public a good service in keeping up high standards if serious consideration were given to the quota proposal.

My Bank Manager.

By DAVID GRANT.

THE Fleet-street Branch of Floyds Bank is the place where I keep my money, or is alternately the site of my overdraft. It is managed by a man called Mr. L. S. Dee. I am purposely giving his full name in the hope that he will be taught a sharp lesson. If he is typical of bank managers throughout the country, it is no surprise to me that industry and things cannot be carried on properly. The following letters which have passed between Dee and myself show beyond doubt that it is bank managers of the Dee type who are stemming the free flow of money and thereby gnawing away the roots of our industrial fabric.

I hope The Daily Mail will take this sort of thing up and expose it particularly Mr. Dee.

(Note to Editor: His bank is just round the corner from your office.—D. G.)

Letter to D. Grant, Esq., from Floyds Bank, December 10, 1930.

Dear Sir,
Your overdraft now stands at £2,200, which is £200 more than the limit sanctioned by our Head Office. Please take steps to have this amount reduced within the limit.

L. S. Dee.
Reply to Mr. Dee, December 12, 1930. Dear Mr. Dee,
I have always been against my overdraft being so big, and I meant to speak to you about it. Every time I ask you how much it is, you tell me it is far bigger than I have worked it out to be in my mind.

Are you sure your tellers are counting it right? Perhaps some of my money has slipped down the back of the drawer, or maybe two or three notes have got stuck together and been overlooked. I often do it myself.

There is another thing I wanted to mention to you: I have often seen rather dishonest looking men coming furtively out of your bank and going over the way to the "Yellow Dragon." For all we know, some of the clerks may be spending my money on liquor. Perhaps it would be a good idea to mark my money in some way, don't you think so, just to catch them at it?

Your sincerely,
David Grant.

Letter to D. Grant, Esq., from Floyds Bank, December 14, 1930.

Dear Sir,
Our tellers do not make mistakes. Your overdraft is £2,200. The rather dishonest looking men you see walking furtively from our bank across to the "Yellow Dragon" are people like you who have been in to borrow money.

Since my letter to you on the 10th there has been a serious shrinkage in the value of your securities. I have been instructed to ask you to furnish us with additional securities, failing which your overdraft limit will have to be reduced to £1,500.

Your faithfully,
L. S. Dee.

Reply to L. S. Dee, December 16, 1930. Dear Mr. Dee,

I am very distressed indeed to hear from you that my securities have shrunk. I can only suppose that they have been allowed to get damp, and I wish you would ask Mr. Floyd to be more careful about this in the future.

I have no money to reduce my overdraft. At least, I have some, but I want to spend it on something else.

With regard to extra securities, I can offer you again my shares in the South American platinum mine. You will remember these certificates. They are very nicely printed in green on deckle edge parchment. I often look at them and shall be loth to part with them. Their dividend was due last month. They didn't pay anything, but perhaps their office boy is forgetting to tear the leaves off the calendar.

Your sincerely,
David Grant.

Letter to D. Grant, Esq., from Floyds Bank, December 17, 1930.

Dear Sir,
I note your suggestion that the shrinkage of your securities is due to our having allowed them to get damp. I am having the strong room carefully examined. If I find the cause to be as you surmise, I propose removing your securities at once to a drier atmosphere and putting your overdraft in the place formerly occupied by your securities in the hope that it will shrink instead.

I will not deprive you of your platinum mine shares. They are worth more to you than they are to us. Please note that your overdraft limit is now £1,500.

I shall be obliged if you will take immediate steps to put your account in order by weekly payments. Otherwise I shall have to consider taking proceedings against you.

Yours faithfully,
L. S. Dee.

Reply to L. S. Dee, December 19, 1930. Dear Mr. Dee,

I am very hurt at the tone of your letter, and the contemptuous way you have turned down my platinum shares. The man who floated the company said they were very good, and surely he ought to know.

I don't propose to bandy words with you any longer, and I shall start clearing off my overdraft at the rate of £1 per week.

Your sincerely,
David Grant.

Letter to D. Grant, Esq., from Floyds Bank, December 20, 1930.

Dear Sir,
Your offer of £1 per week is grossly inadequate. Unless, etc., etc.

Your faithfully,
L. S. Dee.

There are more letters after this, but I have given you enough to show you the type of thing that is ruining this country. As you see, this inhuman dog-in-the-manager attitude of the banks simply kills enterprise, restricts buying, is a staggering blow to the system of credit on which our entire trade is built, and is very unpleasant to me.

It shall be shown up and put down at once before our industries are throttled for want of capital.

(Note to Editor: You can easily recognise Dee. He is the mean-looking man who sits away at the back of the bank behind a glass door.—D. G.)

(P.S.: I have just heard that Dee has been promoted to the Head Office, but you can show up the new manager instead. He is just as bad as Dee, only a bit meaner-looking.—D. G.)

The Pole-Crashers.

The rumour (started by ourselves) that a party of traffic experts led by Lord Ashfield is about to make a spectacular dash to the Pole by Underground has prompted us to tell you a few things about the Pole which you never knew before and will probably never know again.—W. C. S. & Y.

THERE are of course three kinds of Pole, the North Pole, the South Pole, and the Boy Scout's or Baden-Pole. Having committed that to paper, we will resume our Arctic calm and consider this craze for Pole-crashing by submarine, horse, marine, soap-tug, etc., in a practical frame of mind.

If you are determined on dash-ing to the Pole, and becoming a (Continued on Page 7.)



"That's a good girl—and what else do mamma and papa say about auntie?"

LIQUOR LABELS
CASE ENDS.PROSECUTION FAILS
TO PROVE.NO RECORD OF GENUINE
LABELS KEPT.

POINTED QUESTIONS.

The failure of the Imports and Exports Department to keep copies of genuine labels was commented on at the Central Police Court this morning during the continuation of the case in which Ho Shun-hing, managing director of the Nam Hing Loong, wine and spirit merchants, was charged with possessing 65 false liquor duty labels and also with carrying out structural alterations to a bonded warehouse without permission. Both charges were dismissed.

The Police Court proceedings resulted from an official visit on March 7, when, after a search, a plate was detached, making an opening through which, it was suggested, liquor could be passed. A third charge of leaving the warehouse open by this means was not proceeded with.

Access to Premises.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, in further statements today, said he regarded the opening as a structural alteration in the sense that it was large enough for a full-grown man to pass through, and large enough also for liquor cases to be carried through. Further more, the opening was distinct from the ventilated place above the steel door and the steel window.

Referring to the intervention of the Fire Department in the matter, mentioned by Mr. Jenkin in previous cross-examination, witness said, "It seems to me incredibly that any experienced fire officer would authorise a hole of this kind, as in case of fire we would have a blazing liquor running through the hole to the foot of the stairs leading to the upper floors of these two houses, No. 97 and 99."

Smuggling Suggestion.

Mr. Jenkin, who appeared with Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, proceeded to cross-examine Mr. Taylor on the various points raised, which he criticised as irrelevant. "What is the idea of referring the learned Magistrate to the fact that a man could get through this hole?" asked counsel, adding "I thought the second charge (of leaving the premises open) had been dropped."

Mr. Taylor:—It is simply to point out that it is a structural alteration.

Replying to another question, Mr. Taylor said he was not suggesting that the hole was used for smuggling, but it appeared to him that such was the obvious purpose.

Counsel:—Do you think it is quite fair for you to make that suggestion when you have deliberately withdrawn the charge of leaving the door open?

Witness:—Yes, I do.

Counsel:—Well, I cannot see eye to eye with you regard to fairness. Do you wish to reinstate the charge or drop it?

Witness replied that he was not proceeding with that charge, as he had already dropped it. He denied that his statements this morning were inspired.

Fire Prevention.

Mr. Jenkin:—Regarding your third point, have you any experience as a fire officer? What experience have you of fire prevention, experience as to the mode in which premises should be constructed with regard to fire prevention?

Witness replied he had had no such experience, but was suggesting the obvious.

Questioned with regard to the numbers on the disputed labels, which he said represented a difference in appearance from those issued by the Department, witness said his comparison was formed from an examination of contemporaneous numbers held by other dealers. The Department kept no records of the types of labels issued from time to time, and in the present case he relied also on the records of the printers for the issue in question.

Printer's Evidence.

Mr. E. L. Alves, Secretary of the Hongkong Printing Press, was the next witness called. He explained, in reply to questions by Mr. Taylor, how his firm dealt with an order placed with them for the process of engraving and the care with which the labels were kept after they had been

printed. His evidence had reference to an order placed with the firm in the period of 1922-1923.

Under cross-examination, witness said he joined the firm on May 2, 1927, and his evidence was what he had understood from other employees of the company. There had been a change in colour from a light green to a dark blue, made about two years ago. Witness had never examined or checked the labels himself.

Mr. Jenkin:—The whole of the evidence you have given here this morning is a result of what you have been told?—Yes.

Forged Labels.

The engraver was then called and he said that he had been in the employ of the Hongkong Printing Press for about two years and had had 15 years' experience as an engraver. When shown the labels on bottles of wine produced, witness stated that they were forgeries and pointed out many differences when compared with the labels which his firm printed for the Hongkong Government.

Answering Mr. Jenkin, witness said he joined the firm in August, 1929, and knew nothing about the labels prior to that date.

Mr. Jenkin:—Your only reason for stating that these labels, on the bottles you have examined, are not genuine labels is that they have the differences you have pointed out, from the labels in use during your employment?—Yes.

Is there any record at all in the Printing Press of the types of labels issued previous to your employment?—I can't say anything about that.

Is there any record in the Printing Press, so far as you know, of the numbers of labels which were issued, the serial number of labels issued? No.

At the request of Mr. Jenkin, made earlier in the case, Mr. Taylor produced bottles which he said bore genuine labels issued in 1926. There was no record, however, of the labels issued at the time.

No Records.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that it was a calamity for the Imports and Exports Department not to keep records of the labels issued from time to time. It was a calamity when they had to launch a prosecution such as the present one.

Mr. Jenkin objected to the labels being put in as evidence when they could not be proved to be genuine ones issued by the Imports and Exports Department.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that he would hand them to the engraver and ask his opinion about them.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that it would be a waste of time to compare the old labels, which were stated to be genuine ones, with those found on the bottles seized on the defendant's premises, unless there was evidence to show that the labels on the bottles produced by the prosecution were genuine.

Mr. Taylor remarked that he could call the Manager of the Hongkong Printing Press to see whether his employment went further back than the other two witnesses called from the firm. His difficulty was that the original designer had left the Colony.

Charge Dismissed.

After consideration his Worship said that it seemed to him, on the first charge, the prosecution had not proved their case. There was no evidence that the alleged alteration was not there at the beginning.

The first charge was accordingly dismissed.

Mr. Jenkin raised an objection for a remand to call further evidence on the second charge, remarking that it would be a hardship on the defendant to have to have his legal advisers attend Court again. The Department should have seen the necessity, by reason of long practice, of having to prove their case.

His Worship said the case had undoubtedly gone on for a very long time. The original search was on March 10 and it was now April 9.

Mr. Taylor remarked that the delay was on account of the original plea of *autre fois convict* being entered. That point had not occurred to him at first.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that if that plea had failed the prosecution would have had to go on with the charge itself.

Failure of Department.

His Worship said that another point he would like to comment upon was the failure of the Department to keep copies of genuine labels issued.

Mr. Taylor remarked that forgeries of the labels concerned had hardly cropped up before. They had had very little trouble in the past with these labels. There was no record kept in the way of a pictorial record of the labels used.

His Worship said that he very much doubted whether the evidence as to the custody of the lithograph stone would be very material considering the absence of labels and as the prosecution could not prove the genuineness of any labels before 1929, the present charge must also be dropped.

The defendant was acquitted on both counts.

FRANCE WILL ONLY GO AMATEURS GIVE TWO ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

FIFTY FIFTY.

WATCHING ACTIVITIES OF
MR. MONTAGU NORMAN.

Paris, Apr. 8.
A watchful eye is being turned on Mr. Montagu Norman's alleged activities in the United States by the newspaper *Excelsior*, which considers the chief object of the Bank of England governor's visit is the maintenance of supremacy of the London market in distribution of international credits, and British participation in the creation of a new international banking organisation.

The paper declares that France still favours Franco-British collaboration in international financial schemes, on a basis of fair distribution of profits and risks, but France cannot embark upon any adventure which would involve participation of an international banking organisation which would be able to dispose of French gold without offering a counterpart in the shape of commercial advantages.—*Reuter*.

[A Washington message of April 6 stated:
Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who has been conferring with the Federal Reserve Banks in New York, arrived here today.

He is conferring privately with Mr. Mellon, the Treasurer, Mr. Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and other members of the Board.]

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris, 100 francs	124.22 1/2	124.22 1/2
Geneva, 100 francs	25.24 1/2	25.11 1/2
Berlin, 100 marks	20.41	20.11
Oslo, 100 kroner	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors, 100 marks	19.34	19.34
Buenos Aires, 100 pesos	39.17 1/2	39.17 1/2
Athens, 100 drachmas	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai, 100 taels	122 1/2	122 1/2
New York, 100 dollars	4.85 29/32	4.85 29/32
Amsterdam, 100 guilders	12.11 1/2	12.11 1/2
Stockholm, 100 kronor	18.15 1/2	18.15 1/2
Vienna, 100 schillings	34.55 1/2	34.55 1/2
Madrid, 100 pesetas	16.47	16.47
Bucharest, 100 lei	8.17	8.17
Manila, 100 pesos	41.75	41.75
Hongkong, 100 dollars	11.9	11.9
Brussels, 100 francs	34.92 1/2	34.92 1/2
Copenhagen, 100 kroner	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Milan, 100 lire	92.80 1/2	92.81 1/2
Prague, 100 crowns	16.1	16.1
Lisbon, 100 escudos	108.25	108.25
Rio, 100 cruzeiros	32.12 1/2	32.12 1/2
Bombay, 100 rupees	17.13 1/2	17.13 1/2
Yokohama, 100 yen	20.13 1/2	20.13 1/2
Silver (spot)	12.11 1/2	12.11 1/2
(forward)	12.11 1/2	12.11 1/2

—British Wireless.

M.C.C. AVERAGES IN
SOUTH AFRICA.HAMMOND HEADS BATTING.
ALLOM THE BOWLERS.

	Batting.	Highest Not Out.
Hammond	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Hendren	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Fairhead	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Leard	22 774 169 1	36.85
E. S. Wyatt	17 10 115 1	2.44
Tate	17 10 115 1	2.44
M. J. Turnbull	21 541 139 2	28.47
P. F. Chapman	17 471 87 1	27.70
Lee	7 158 42 0	22.57
Voce	18 206 57 3	10.78
C. White	20 206 57 3	10.78
Goldard	6 68 25 0	8.88
A. R. Peaches	17 114 28 1	8.14
M. J. C. Allom	8 10 14 2	5.14
Duckworth	7 30 14 2	5.30
M. J. C. Allom	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Tate	10 1045 155 2	61.47
A. R. Peaches	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Voce	10 1045 155 2	61.47
J. C. White	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Goldard	10 1045 155 2	61.47
R. F. S. Wyatt	10 1045 155 2	61.47
Hammond	22.4 11 285 15	22.93
Leard	22.4 11 285 15	22.93

MUTINY OF TROOPS.

H.M.S. GNAT FIRED UPON
ON YANGTZE.

Peking, Apr. 8.
A recrudescence of the firing on ships on the Yangtze is reported. The Yangtze Rapids Co's s.s. *Illing* has been heavily fired on from both banks, sixty miles above Ichang, and was struck several times. A Chinese member of the crew was seriously wounded.

H. M. S. Gnat has also been fired on.

It is reported that the garrison at Patung have mutinied, and it is believed they were responsible for the firing. Government troops from Ichang have been sent to suppress the mutiny.—*Reuter*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central near Shanghai. Strong to fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Captain McCarthy, of the s.s. *Kongling*, has reported the disappearance from his ship of a first-class passenger, named Chan. Hong-yuen, on the 6th, while the vessel was returning from Wuchow. It is believed that Chan, who appears to be a military officer, may have committed suicide by throwing himself into the river.

"I stole it from a ship" was the frank admission of a Chinese, Kang Yuet, who was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with possession of a brass bar reasonably suspected to have been stolen. Fourteen days' imprisonment was imposed.

BRIGHT SHOW BY THE ST.
ANDREWS A.D.C.

Before a large gathering at the St. Andrew's Church hall last night, the members of the St. Andrew's Amateur Dramatic Club presented two delightful one-act comedies—"The Grand Cham's Diamond" and "No Servants."

Before the first play commenced, Mr. Rupert Baldwin entertained the gathering with a pianoforte solo.

Of the farce itself, no better appreciation than the applause accorded the players can be given. The play opens in a sitting room, in which the Perkins family, father, mother and daughter are willing away the time with desultory conversation, when through the window a diamond is thrown, and Mrs. Perkins seizing it, her schemes, and the subsequent happenings, furnish the audience with a great deal of entertainment.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin, as Mr. Perkins, provided most of the laughter, and he was ably supported by Rita Cole (Mrs. Perkins), Althea Hirst (Polly Perkins), Reginald Woolley (The Man in Black) and W. Tillery (Albert Watkins).

The second play was equally entertaining, and Reginald Woolley as the Hon. Francis Mayfield was the outstanding actor. Maude White, playing the part of the undomesticated lover also made a big hit. They were supported by Eileen Bliss (Cook), Phyllis Woolley (Parlourmaid), Dorothy Baldwin (Kitchenmaid) and Amelia Landolt (Scullerymaid).

THE POLE-CRASHERS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

dreadful Polar Knight, remember the first thing you will want will be some companions.

Choose your companions carefully—you may have to eat them. If this idea revolts you, practise at home beforehand. Begin with a plate of Swedes; Czech at nothing; and remember, the last Lap is always the worst.

Polar Bearings.

The object of dashing to a Pole is to lecture about it afterwards in America. The Americans are all for facts. So start with a clear idea which Pole you are dashing at.

The compass won't help you. One end of the compass notoriously points to the N. Pole and the other end to the S. Pole; but there is nothing on the compass to show which end is which. Well, is there?

That shook you.

Next, do you know how you will know when you have got there? The Pole being an imaginary institution like the Equator, there will be nothing there except you when you arrive, and a map of the district will be of no assistance to you whatever.

Tear up the map, therefore, and work your compass to a standstill.

If it then points straight up, you will know you are at the N. Pole; if it points straight down, you are at the S. Pole, and vice versa.

If you appear to have arrived at the wrong Pole you might try holding the compass upside down or inside out. But is it worth it? You are not at the real Pole, anyway. Not yet. You are at the Magnetic Pole, viz.: appr. 1,000 miles from the Pole.

Now is the time to start eating your companions.

Begin with the smallest and work upwards towards yourself. Be sure to leave yourself till last.

Utterly Terrible.

Conditions at the Pole will be utterly terrible. Always remember this while you are enduring them; remember, that is why you went. There will be no longitude or latitude, or anything to comfort you; and when you come back your audiences will expect you to have been buffeted by the howling buzzards, entangled in the bottomless cravats, and practically sucked down to destruction in the vortex of the dreadful Aurora Borealis.

You will make many dumb friends: the icy wastes abound in Mountain Penguins, fountain penguins, Igloo, Polar Walrus, Negri, etc., which feed on fish, explorers, etc., as well as the more terrible Kayaks, yaks, yashmaks, and seal-creeps which feed on explorers, fish, and even eat.

You will be impressed by Nature's brilliant devices for protecting the Polar bear, for instance, protect themselves against the assaults of seals, seaquills, and seal-creeps by growing snow-white fur; this results in complete immunity (or "nunatak"). Explorers should therefore dress in white.

Start Now.

(Since writing the above we have remembered that it is the Polar bears which eat the seals.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE
WESLEYAN HOME.

Mr. E. Loyd Jones and his committee are to be congratulated on the organisation of a very successful concert held yesterday evening at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Quite a large audience attended the performance, and were presented with an extremely entertaining programme of musical and humorous items.

A group of entertainers from H.M.S. Medway, under Mr. Bullock, started the ball rolling with three vocal numbers which were deservedly applauded. They called themselves "The Collegian Glee Singers," and it is a pity that not more is seen of these artists.

Mrs. F. C. Kendall gave two songs, accompanied by Mr. Fountain at the piano. She was in particularly good voice last night, with the result that her items were two of the best in the programme. Miss Peggy Stringer's dance was much appreciated, while Miss Violet Capell and her pupils filled the bill in two items, which provided variety for the programme.

Local concert organisers have had good reason to be thankful to Mr. "Dick" Barty. This versatile artist can be relied upon to provide a humorous half hour at the piano, as he did last night.

Mr. W. G. Geall later occupied the stage, and handed out some Yorkshire philosophy, while a humorous monologue was given by Mr. Edey. Mr. R. Dixon was one of the vocalists in the second part of the programme, presenting "Gone with the Wind."

The proceeds of the concert will be in aid of furnishing a lounge in the Home. The takings of last night should help considerably.

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The Nanking-Peking air mail service will be inaugurated on April 15, it was officially announced to-day.

While landing facilities are being completed along most of the route, international complications are looming at Tientsin, where the French defence force authorities are reported to have disapproved of the installation of a radio station near the landing field, which is next to the billets of the troops. They declare that the station will interrupt the waves of their own station. Mr. K. I. Nih, the assistant manager, proceeded to Nanking to-day to appeal to Dr. Wang.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

and that the seals are practically black. This is very confusing, especially for seals. But the point is that Polar bears are evidently colour-blind, so you can wear lavender or old rose, or whatever colour suits you.)

All your garments, of course, should be airtight, heat-tight, bird-proof, and so on, since you will spend so much of your time battling with the elements, pelicans, and so on.

Note, however, that it is not considered necessary in Arctic Circles, to dress for dinner. Do not let the penguins embarrass you in this respect.

All the same, don't take liberties—the proper etiquette when meeting a penguin to which you have not been introduced is to take off your hat and remark with deference: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

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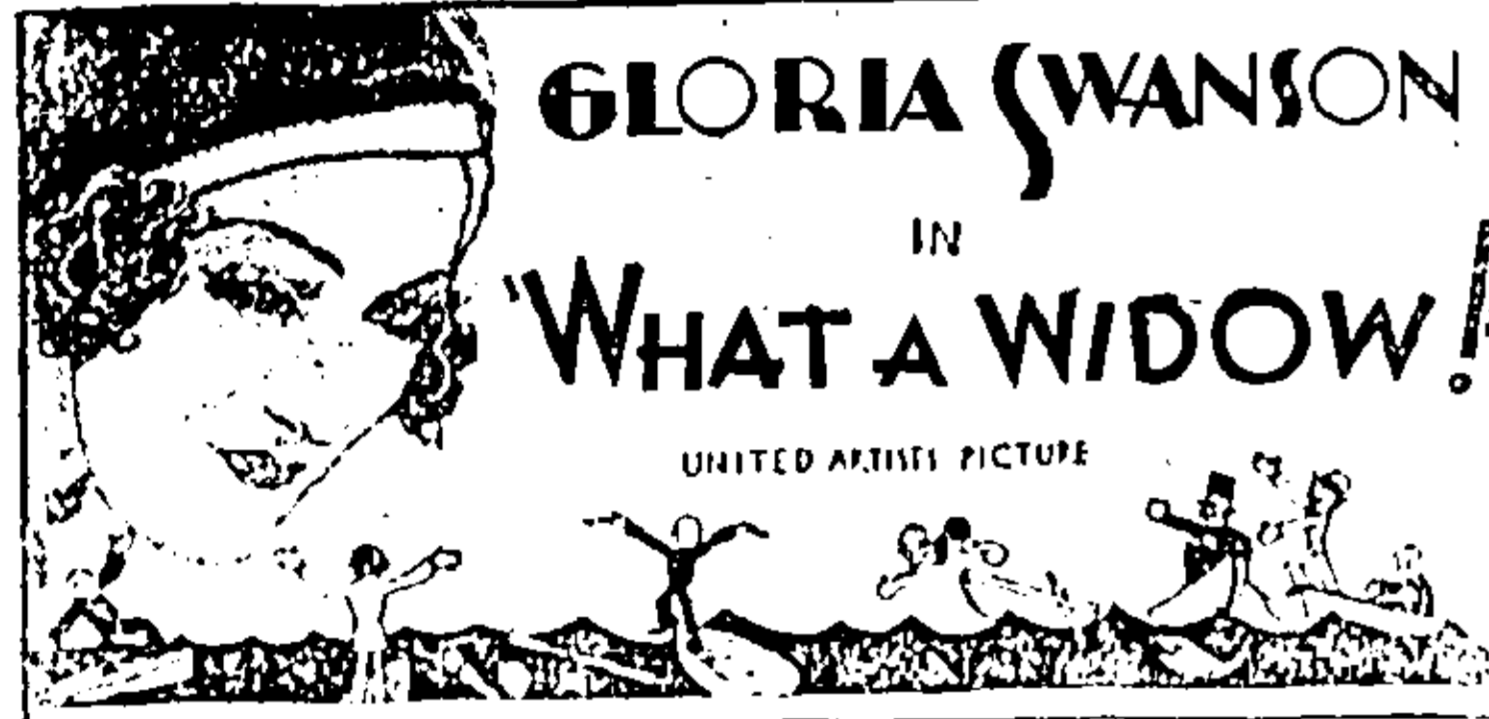
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ST. JOSEPH'S OUT OF SENIOR SOCCER.

THE REVISED TABLE.

St. Joseph's have withdrawn from the First Division of the Hongkong Football League, and in consequence, all their remaining fixtures have been cancelled and the points awarded to their opponents.

The league table, revised as above, is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	17	15	0	2	62	17	30
Kowloon	17	11	3	3	41	24	25
Argylls	18	12	1	5	33	23	21
Athletic	16	10	1	5	33	23	21
Royal Navy	16	9	1	6	46	31	19
Recreio	16	8	1	7	28	28	17
Borders	14	7	1	6	31	21	15
Police	10	4	1	11	22	29	9
R.A.	17	4	1	12	10	63	9
Club	17	3	2	12	13	46	8
St. Joseph's	20	3	0	17	22	56	6

South China play the Argylls on Saturday at Caroline Hill and need only to win this game to ensure championship honours.

Kowloon are the only side with the remotest chance of overthrowing them, and as the remaining South China fixtures involve clashes with the Recreio and the Athletic, the remoteness of the chance is obvious.

Scotland v. China.

The following have been selected to represent Scotland against China in the final of the International Charity Cup Competition to be played on the Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday, April 18, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp:

Rodger (Club); Blackburn (Argylls); Henderson (Argylls); Hay (Argylls); McKelvie (Kowloon); A. Duncan (Club); Hughes, McTavish, Louden (Argylls); Oram (Police); Capt. Campbell (Argylls). Reserves: Angus, Macfarlane, Shepherd, Alexander, Bell and McGlashtun.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIAN TEAM TO MEET CRAIGENGOWER.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club in a League match against the Craigenower C.C. on Saturday, on the Craigenower ground, starting at 2 p.m.:

A. H. Ramdhan (Capt.), A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Ramdhan, F. D. Pereira, A. C. Min, S. A. Irmali, G. Irmali, A. K. Min, J. S. A. Curreen, and F. M. Arculli.

CINEMA NOTES.

WILLIAM HAINES TIPS OFF POLICE.

Two weeks' notice was served on Los Angeles sheriffs and police by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to the effect that they intended staging two bank holdups for William Haines' new picture, "Hemlock Control", which will open a four day engagement at the Queen's Theatre, starting Sunday.

The advance "tip" was given in the interests of safety of all concerned since bank holdups for some time had been endemic in the Pacific Coast metropolis. The banks used for the movie holdups were one in Palma and the second right on Hollywood Boulevard, the "shooting" taking place on a busy Saturday afternoon in order to make the scenes as realistic as possible.

The holdups occur at strategic points of the story which concerns the implication of Haines as manager of a radio broadcasting station in a series of crimes perpetrated by means of ingenious lectures given over the air by a mysterious Professor Kruger. The manner in which Haines discovers the code of the lectures and corners the real criminals is said to make up his most dramatic vehicle since "Allan Jimmy Valentine".

Report has it that despite the serious nature of the plot there is plenty of comedy in the new Haines picture, including impersonations of radio celebrities by the star, and the riotous contortions of Polly Moran who appears as a radio adviser on beauty secrets.

The leading feminine role is played by Mary Moran, remembered for her work in "Sins of the Children" and "The Divorcee", and the cast includes Charles King, John Miljan, J. C. Nugent, Edward Nugent, Wilbur Mack, James Donlin, Edward Brophy, Warner P. Richmond and Russell Hop-ton. Edward Sedgwick directed.

"Flight" at the Central.

"Flight," the Columbia all-talking aviation special which is showing at the Central Theatre is a drama of adventure in the sky, featuring sensational air feats. A capable cast including Jack Holt and Ralph Graves, one of the screen's favourite teams, Lila Lee, Harold Godwin, Jimmy De La Cruz and Alan Roscoe handle their roles with skill and artistry. Loops, tail-spins and Immelman turns provide thrills galore. Fundamentally an aerial production, a love story is told against the background of breathtaking manoeuvres among the clouds.

"Lefty" Phelps, enacted by Ralph Graves, driven by shame to leave college because of a breach in the football play, joins the marine aviation service. He wins the sympathy and friendship of "Panama" Williams, the hard-boiled Marine sergeant (Jack Holt). Their friendship is disrupted temporarily when they both fall in love with the same girl. This situation leads to an intensely dramatic

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER.

ARGYLLS BEAT UNIVERSITY IN SECOND DIVISION.

Playing on the Canham Road ground, the Argylls defeated the University by the odd goal in three, yesterday, in the second division of the League.

The University played ten men throughout. The ground was very dangerous and the players found it difficult to keep on their feet.

The Argylls took up the attack from the kick off but Grieve shot into the side of the net. Maxwell sent in a fast cross shot, but Oppenheim stopped the ball, Alexander running in shot over the bar. The Students forced a fruitless corner and the Argylls transferring, Alexander shot into the net well out of Oppenheim's reach. By a solo effort, Tan drew level for the University beating no fewer than four opponents. He received a kick just before scoring, but managed to send the ball into the goal before he fell injured and had to be assisted off the field. He continued after a couple of minutes.

Resuming, the Argylls put on pressure but the Students played well in defence. Several corners fell to the Argylls but it was late in the game when they took the lead.

Maxwell placed well from a corner kick and Alexander sent in, Oppenheim making a good attempt to save sent the ball against the upright and the ball rebounded into the net to give the Argylls the lead. The University tried hard to level up, but the Argylls defence was sound, the final whistle sounding with the Argylls winners by two goals to one.

In a basket ball match at the Central Police Station Compound the Sikh contingent of the Force beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 28 points to eight.

In charging a young Chinese girl before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning with wasting water in Pokfulam Road, opposite the Sanitary Quarters, Inspector McWalter informed his Worship that the defendant had been very saucy to a Sanitary Inspector who had advised her not to waste the water. She called the Inspector names and later on being arrested also called a constable names. His Worship fined the defendant \$4.

Conclusion. Battle scenes between the Nicaraguan insurgents and the American marines are tremendously realistic and thrilling. Colourful sequences are laid in the exotic atmosphere of Nicaraguan cabarets where Spanish singers and dancers hold forth.

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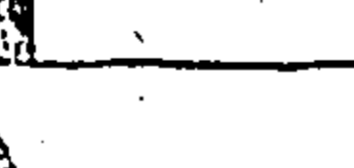
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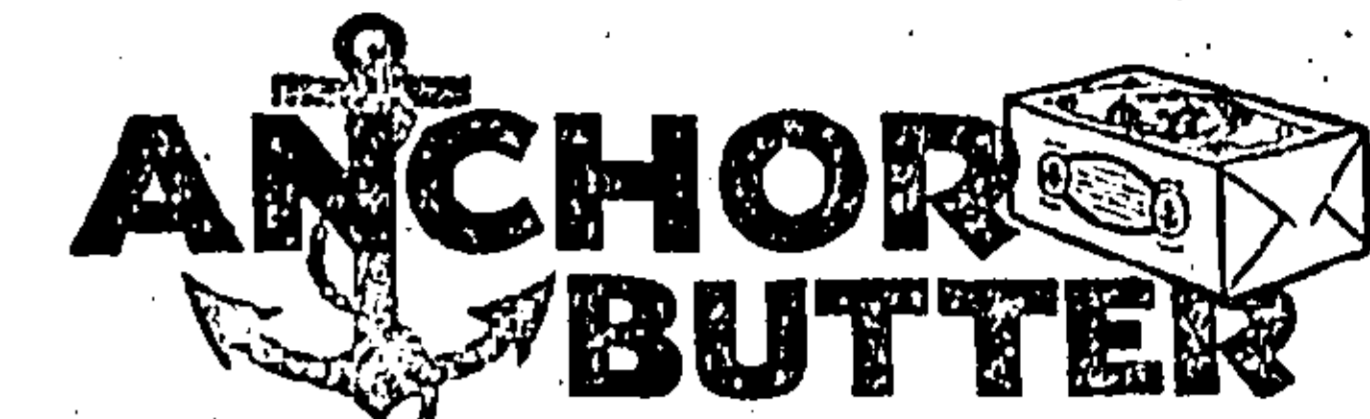
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For Ginger's Sake.

By ETHEL HUESTON.

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Ginger Ella Toller, daughter of a minister and step-daughter of the wealthy and influential former Phil Van Doren, organized the Junior Country Club in the town of Red Thrush, Iowa, just to keep life among the younger set from becoming too dull.

Bard Holloway, a young artist who was hobnobbing around the country, stopped in Red Thrush. Attracted by Ginger, he agreed to stay and paint portraits and decorate the new clubhouse. He gave the girls a lesson in the club, and suggested sending in Chicago for Niblo Cullens, who could cook and sing and strum a guitar.

But Niblo could not come. In his place arrived three of his countrymen. Angelo could play; Pietro could cook; Benito could sing. Ginger took them on, beginning to realize he was in love with Ginger. He suggested leaving. But Phil, knowing Ginger, persuaded him to stay as their guest. But for Ginger's good she wrote to her father, a former friend of Ginger's, and invited him. She felt he would give her some competition.

Ginger thenupon invited Patty to come to take care of Speed, but Patty wouldn't come, pleading loyalty to Eddy Jackson. Whereupon Ginger went to Eddy about it. Getting word that Speed was bringing his sister, she persuaded both Eddy and Speed to come. Eddy, however, decided to tell things up by making things miserable for Ginger and keeping her and Bard separate.

Meanwhile, Benito had made a trip to Chicago and returned with a plan to kidnap Ginger and hold her for ransom.

When Speed and his sister arrived Ginger got another surprise. Eddy's name was Cotton. She was different from what Ginger suspected. She a little afraid that Cotton would prove attractive to Bard, and Eddy, however, arranged for Bard and Cotton to be together while he stuck to Ginger and paired Patty off with Speed.

Speed tells Bard Ginger and Eddy are in love and plans to leave as Eddy keeps on his mischievous plot.

CHAPTER XXX.

Ginger brightened ever so faintly. "Eddy, why don't you go fishing with Patty? If you conversation to all she wants, heaven knows you'll talk an arm off her. You got both of mine long ago!"

"I haven't got time," said Eddy with a finality that left no room for argument. "I want to help you make up the lists."

Ginger wilted again. She was long just struggling. There was just no overcoming Eddy's newly developed spirit of management.

Cotton appeared on the piazza, her face flushed and a new light of excitement sparkling in her eyes.

"Ginger," she said, "come and walk with us in the woods. We want to talk to you."

"I'll come, too," said Eddy cheerfully.

"Come along, Bard. A little nice, fresh forest will do us all good."

"No, thanks," said Bard. "I want to finish that sketch I'm doing of Benito's corner. I—fancy I shan't be here much longer and I want to finish it today."

"I suppose you'll want to go right back to New York—now," said Ginger faintly.

"I suppose so," he said coldly.

"Come along, Ginger—we want you," called Cotton impatiently.

"Yes, come along, Ginger," said Eddy. "We're going for a nice long walk in the woods."

Cotton laughed. "You're not," she said. "You're not invited. We just want Ginger. We want to tell her a secret. You stay right where you are, Eddy Jackson, and go on running things."

Eddy pleaded but Cotton was laughing, excitedly adamant.

"Just Ginger, just Ginger," she insisted. "You can't come, Eddy, you spoiled thing."

Ginger stalked grimly out of the house and down the steps. She was mopping her brow.

"Thank God," she said devoutly. "Let's go and find a still cool spot in the woods, and sit, and sit, and sit. And not say a word. As soon as anybody begins to speak any more it makes a cold shiver run down my back. It makes me think of Eddy Jackson. Life of the party—!" Her voice died away in an inarticulate murmur.

Patty, Bard, and Eddy stood silently in the doorway and

watched as the three walked slowly into the woods. Cotton in the middle, one hand in Speed's, the other arm clasped closely about Ginger's waist. When they had disappeared among the trees Eddy took Pat's hand in his.

"Bard," he said cordially, "amuse yourself any way you see fit. Pat and I are going to retire to the forest to seek a much needed rest. We're about worn out." And he led her resolutely down a forest trail in the opposite direction from that the others had taken.

Bard was glad to be alone. He got out his easel and stool and planted himself at what he called "Benito's corner of the house."

Everything he had done was for Ginger. His every thought was for Ginger. It seemed incredibly cruel that he should feel such sudden sorrow here in these same scenes that had given rise to his keenest joy. If only he could have gone on for a while, in blind and blissful ignorance, feeling that Ginger was his—until he had gone from all these dear and lovely places their pleasure together had made so sweetly sacred.

It was a lovely scene before him, and scarcely less lovely as he transferred it to his canvas. There were the sun and rain-brown shingles of its foundation, the flaming flowers on the vines that draped the porch as Benito had so tenderly trained them. There was the startling shadow of a humming-bird darting from blossom to blossom, and on the sill of the attic window under the drooping eaves sat a fat sleek bird, gray green, her head hunched low upon her thick neck, her plumage ruffled up against the breeze.

Bard smiled unconsciously as he swiftly caught the birds upon his canvas, but his thoughts did not smile with his lips. Only his eyes took in the beauty of color and line, for his thoughts were down that forest path where Ginger was walking with Cotton and Speed. And the still, sweet silence of the early summer enveloped house and woods.

It was nearly an hour later when a shadow fell athwart his canvas. He looked up. Cotton and Speed were coming toward him from the river, hand in hand. They were laughing.

"All cheer up, eh?" he called to them pleasantly.

"Yes," Cotton nodded with gay emphasis. "Ginger is the greatest little confidante you ever saw. But if you think we look cheered up you ought to see her. She is down on the boat-landing cheered up almost into convulsions. She has laughed herself into genuine tears. Where's Eddy? She wants to see him."

"She would," said Bard coldly. "I do not know where he is. He went for a walk in the woods. I don't know whether he has come back or not—and I don't care."

Cotton went to the window and called inside to ask for him, but Eddy did not return and nearly a half-hour elapsed before he sauntered slowly from the woods with Patty.

"Where's Ginger?"

"Oh, Eddy, she was looking for you. She was down at the landing ever so long ago. She probably got tired waiting."

"Well, I'll have a look," he said. "It's something to have her want me." And he strolled off toward the river.

Bard did not raise his eyes from his canvas although he had finished

the picture, nor did he heed the little cries of delight that went up from the others at sight of it. It was for Ginger, and Ginger did not care.

Eddy came back in a few minutes to report that Ginger was not on the landing nor anywhere in sight, and they all laughed idly in the pleasant shade of the big trees until Benito came to announce that luncheon was ready.

"Find Miss Ginger, Benito," said Patty. "She's off somewhere by herself, in the woods, I fancy. Maybe upstairs."

Benito went to the edge of the woods and called as only he could call, but Ginger did not answer.

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They ate their luncheon in soothing silence, but Ginger did not come. One o'clock. Two o'clock.

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"And I'll keep Cotton with me, if you don't mind," said Speed. "They don't grow woods like these in Washington Square and she doesn't know her way around."

So they struck off, cheerfully enough, into the woods in different directions, singing, whistling, calling her name.

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But when, an hour later, they met again at the cottage and had seen no trace of her, they could no longer hide their uneasiness. Certainly this was not like Ginger.

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PROPERTY AUCTION.

SPIRITED BIDDING AT SALE OF KOWLOON LOTS.

There was some spirited bidding for the property submitted at the China Auction rooms yesterday afternoon, when many lots were put up for auction. The property comprised Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1654, 1655, 1697, 1698 and 1699, subdivided into 63 lots. As time did not permit all the lots to be submitted, the sale will be continued this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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V.R.C. MEETING.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES STEWART.

The impending departure from the Colony on retirement of Mr. James Stewart, of Takoo Dock, after having been a popular and enthusiastic member and official of the V.R.C. for many years, was mentioned at the annual meeting of the Club, held yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Logan.

As a mark of courtesy, Mr. Stewart was elected an Honorary Life Member on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. H. J. Lyndman. In addition, he was presented with the diploma and badge of the Royal Life Saving Society of England, these having arrived in time for the meeting.

In addressing the gathering on the annual report, the chairman said: "Gentlemen, the annual report and statement of accounts has been in your hands for the last ten days and before asking you to pass same, I should like to make a few remarks regarding our year's work."

At our last annual meeting I said we had enjoyed a very successful year and that I was looking forward to 1930 being successful. I am sure that you will all agree the year 1930 has been most gratifying. It is often said that new brooms sweep clean—in this case they have kept sweeping.

Your confidence in the Committee and Officers who elected me to the post of chairman has not been misplaced, for they have again done their duty and presented an annual report and statement of accounts which is very pleasing to all of us, and this, Gentlemen, considering the bad times everybody in the Colony has been experiencing, reflects great credit on them. Your Club is now a Club to be proud of and I am sure we can look forward to the future with every confidence.

If you turn to the working account you will note that we made a profit of \$2,141.17 despite the fact that we expended \$3,022 on extraordinary repairs; that alone speaks for itself. We also redeemed debentures during the year.

The Club buildings have been thoroughly overhauled and all the interiors re-decorated. The Club has also been refitted throughout and new furniture and lights fitted in the social hall, bar, lounge and gymnasium. You will also note from the report that all the boats in the boat house are in good condition and our stock of oars has been brought up to necessary requirements.

The activities of the club are fully dealt with in the report and show that we are still doing good work for all who wish to take up good healthy recreation. Also, this year, twenty-two members have qualified to save life and render aid to the apparently drowned; thereby making themselves useful members of the community. I wish to thank Mr. Silva Netto, Dr. Lang and Mr. Hunt for their assistance during the lifesaving tests, and I particularly thank Mr. Silva Netto for debentures donated to the Club.

We have to regret very much the impending departure of our hard-working Hon. Secretary. He has worked very hard and is an old member of the Club. We shall all miss him a lot but I am sure that he will have our interests at heart even though he will be at home. (Applause).

The annual report and statement of accounts were adopted.

Officials Elected.

In proposing that the monthly subscription of \$3 should be continued, the chairman said that the Club was now in excellent condition but it was situated in a very exposed part. He thought they should start a typhoon reserve fund so that if anything happened they would have money in hand to effect repairs. Although they had had such a good year he thought it was necessary to retain the \$3 subscription for this purpose. The proposal was seconded and carried.

The following officials were elected. Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. T.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Volunteering.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The essence of good journalism is to be up-to-date, or a bit ahead of it. No apology is necessary therefore, in sending you an intelligent anticipation of the sort of letter likely to appear in less enterprising papers than your own on Friday, April 10.

The following is what such a letter will probably contain:

"Another inspection of the Volunteers has come and gone. Once again the inspecting General Officer has complained of the shortage of numbers that exists in the Corps. He has, not for the first time, adjured the young men of the Colony to do their duty by 'joining up.'"

"It is a suitable moment to consider the position of the Hongkong Government in regard to this matter. The Government is, by far, the largest employer of Labour in the Colony, and it is notorious that the percentage of volunteers among Government employees is exceptionally low. It is particularly low among the young men in the cadet service."

"If the Government have a genuine desire to see more volunteers it behoves them to set their own house in order first, beginning with the pick of the bunch, the cadet service."

"So long as these bright young men are allowed to leave volunteering to others, it is perfectly idle for the Government, through their representative the General, to appeal to a sense of duty which is conspicuously lacking in their own servants."

"The only decent course is to abandon all references to 'duty' and recommend volunteering on its own merits as a form of outdoor sport."

CITIZEN-SOLDIER.

Southern Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Victor, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. V. Gittins, General Committee, Messrs. W. Logan, F. W. T. Ross, A. F. B. Silva Netto, J. R. Soares, S. A. Marcal, W. Anderson, H. Hyndman, J. M. M. Alves and Lieut. Col. Eaves.

Mr. Logan proposed that, as a mark of courtesy, Mr. Stewart should be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club, and this motion was carried with applause.

The chairman then read a letter from the Royal Life Saving Society of England, in which the Chief Secretary stated that they had sent under separate cover Mr. Stewart's diploma and badge, and asked that they be presented to him with the sincere congratulations of the Central Executive on his successful effort.

In making the presentation Mr. Logan added:—I am sure that Mr. Stewart has our congratulations. (Applause). I would like to mention that this diploma he is receiving now is the highest award that can possibly be made either in Great Britain or in any other part of the world. (Applause).

Mr. A. H. Stedman suggested that a shooting section should be started for rifles and revolvers. He said he understood that permission might be obtainable for the use of the police range.

On the suggestion of the chairman, Mr. Stedman said he would try and get support for the idea, and if sufficient support was forthcoming he would convene a small meeting for discussion of the project.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

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UNITED STATES POLICY FORECAST.

Washington, Apr. 8.

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

A reminder that on October 1 the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will celebrate its seventieth birthday, was made by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who presided at the annual general meeting of the Society yesterday afternoon, at the Cathedral Hall.

In support of Mr. Shenton were Mr. H. J. Best, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Smith, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. R. H. Davies, the Hon. Producer of the Society for the past season.

Mr. Shenton said:—Ladies and gentlemen, the annual report and accounts having been in your hands for over a week I propose with your permission to take them as read.

The Society had on the whole a successful season, and as you see, the balance at the Bank has increased from \$142.11 to \$1,067.23 as the result of the year's working. It should be pointed out, however, that there are various items of expenditure which would have been incurred in a normal year which have not been paid during the past period owing to the year ending on Feb. 28 instead of on June 30. There is also the fact that "The Yeomen" is nearly the cheapest opera it is possible to produce, and I must warn the members that in view of the increasing cost owing to the drop in the dollar it will be difficult to show such favourable results next year.

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On Friday last members of the Society assisted Mr. Mason at the Cathedral, and I am pleased to say that the result showed that the Society is still able to sing the more difficultly oratorio music as well as the easier opera music.

Seventieth Anniversary.

The Society will on October 1 celebrate its seventieth birthday, it having been formed at a meeting held at St. Andrew's School on October 1, 1861, when seven gentlemen met together to form a Glee Club which was first called "The Hong Kong Choral Society." It existed with varying success until 1894 when the name was changed to that under which it is known at present.

From the records it does not appear that the Society was ever in a better way, both from a point of view of membership and financially than it is now, and I hope that the members will rally round the old Society and make the seventieth anniversary a record year in the annals of the Society.

I must not close these remarks without some reference to the great loss the Society has sustained owing to the death of Mr. A. J. J. Brock. Those of you who had known Mr. Brock since 1924 when he first appeared in opera will realise how hard his place will be

THE FUNERAL OF MR. K. C. LAU.

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The funeral took place yesterday evening at Kennedy Town of Mr. K. C. Lau, who died at the French Hospital on Tuesday morning following an operation for appendicitis. The presence of the large number of foreign and Chinese friends amply testified to the popularity of the deceased in local sports and commercial circles, where he was held in high esteem. He had been ill for about a week, and his demise came as a shock to his many friends in the Colony. A member of a well known family in Hongkong, at the time of his death Mr. Lau was Managing Director of the China Land and Investment Company and was connected with the Kung Yuen Hong, a Chinese import and export firm.

The deceased was a keen rider and joint owner of the "Duke" stable. As a result of Mr. Lau's death the Hongkong Jockey Club is deprived of one of its most popular Chinese racing members. There was a big gathering of friends and relatives at the funeral, including Messrs. H. C. Lee, Hon. R. H. Kotewall, A. J. P. Heard, G. A. Harriman, D. H. Blake, Ho Kwong, Ho Kom-tong, Tang Shiu-kin, Tze Ka-po, U Tze-wing, H. K. Huang, Ho Wing, A. H. Carroll, F. Ellis, Leung Sai-yan, Chiu Chun-u, Wong Yan-tong, Mok Lin, Yu Shun-wah, Chan Tinson, T. B. Tong, Fung Heung-chuen, Lo Ming-shuek, H. A. Ahwee, Harry Hong Sling, Lau Hay-shing, Shi Yu-man, W. G. Pirie, H. Seth, Li Tze-long, Ho Lau-ze, Ho Ki and many others.

There was a very large number of wreaths.

To his widow and daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

In conclusion our thanks must be tendered to Mr. Davies, our Hon. Producer for the past season, also to Mr. Mason who conducted so efficiently, and whose loss this year we shall feel severely, while at the same time we hope he will have a pleasant leave and return invigorated to again take up the baton. I will close by thanking Mr. Best, our hard-working and efficient Honorary Secretary for all the work he has done on our behalf, and Mr. Smith who put in much work on our finances.

The New Committee.

On the proposal of Mr. Best, seconded by Mr. Davies, Mr. Shenton was unanimously re-elected President of the Society for the ensuing year. Mr. Best and Mr. Smith were also re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The following were appointed to the Committee—Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Mr. T. V. Harmon, Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Hooper.

With regard to the Hon. Producer for the season, Mr. Shenton suggested that this officer be elected by the Committee, who after choosing the opera to be produced next, would know the best man suited for the post. This was agreed to.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Best proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shenton for presiding.

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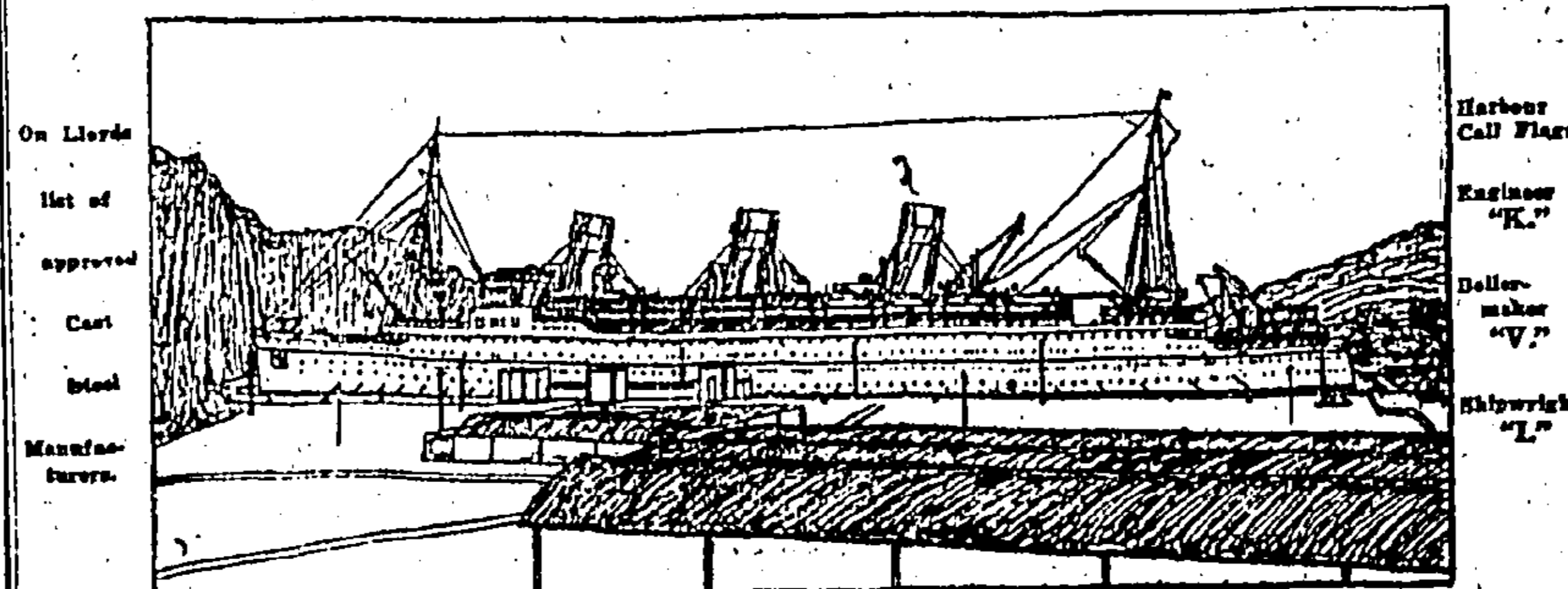
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* KALYAN	9,144	9th May.	M'los, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May.	Bombay, M'los & L'don
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KALYAN	9,144	10 Apr. Midnight.	12 Apr. 7 a.m.	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.
TAKADA	6,949	10 Apr. Midnight.	12 Apr. 7 a.m.	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.
BURDWAN	—	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.	22nd May.	22nd May.
SIRDHANA	7,745	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.	22nd May.	22nd May.
COMORIN	15,132	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.	22nd May.	22nd May.
TILAWA	10,006	16th Apr.	24th Apr.	24th Apr.	8th May.	8th May.	22nd May.	22nd May.	22nd May.
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MADEIRA REVOLT.

London, Apr. 8. H.M.S. London, which was ordered from Gibraltar to Madeira to safeguard the interests of British residents and visitors during the present disturbances in the island arrived at Funchal to-day, and found conditions comparatively quiet. No anxiety need be felt for the safety of the British community, although feelings of revolt among the populace against the Portuguese Government are plainly exhibited.

Reuter's Lisbon correspondent, cabling this afternoon, states that the revolt in Madeira has no reaction in Portugal, which is quiet, although the streets of Lisbon are actively patrolled, and the capital is seething with rumours. Two transports, crowded with troops, all manners of arms and war material, including four sea-planes, are still in the harbour under steam, awaiting orders to proceed to Madeira.

Nothing is known regarding the time of their departure. The revolt in the island is apparently due to the proposal to reinstate the former Governor, whose actions precipitated the February riots.—Reuter and British Wire- less.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penbreath and Co.

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LADY MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

OVER 30 YEARS IN CHINA FIELD.

We regret to record the death of Miss Katherine L. Schoeffel, who died at the Matilda Hospital yesterday. Born in Paris, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, in 1867, she received her education in the public schools, a state normal school, and the University of Wisconsin, and taught several years in her native State.

In 1894, she was accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and went to the island of Hainan, where she spent many happy, fruitful years of service. She was an exceedingly good student of the Chinese language, and excelled in pioneer work among those who had never heard the Gospel. In Hainan her name is inseparably linked with those of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jeremassen, Rev. F. T. Gilman, and others who itinerated throughout the southern interior of the island. She had great interest in the aboriginal Lo tribes and wrote a number of articles about them and their languages and customs.

The trying times of the past few years were a challenge to her faith, and she was always eager, after any enforced departure to return to the mission compound at Kachek, Hainan, her home since the Boxer rising. Returning from furlough early in 1931 she was again stricken with the disease for which she underwent a severe surgical operation in 1929, and she spent her last weeks in the Matilda Hospital.

She leaves to mourn her death two sisters, a sister-in-law and a number of nieces and nephews, all in Wisconsin, and a host of friends, both foreign and Chinese. The American Presbyterian Mission in Hainan will greatly miss her, particularly in the work among the non-Christian women and the transient callers at the mission compound, to whom she presented the Gospel faithfully and well.

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STOLEN SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

CHINESE ATHLETIC SHED ENTERED.

ARTICLES PAWNED.

A varied collection of sporting equipments, including tennis balls, a stop watch, shoes and clothing, as well as numerous other articles which had been stolen from the match of the Chinese Athletic at Tait Tse Mui, were produced before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning when an unemployed Chinese was charged with theft.

"A fine collection of things he has got together; mostly sports notices," remarked his Worship on being shown the many exhibits.

According to Inspector Stimson, the complainant, caretaker of the match, reported the loss of the articles at the Shaohkwan Police Station yesterday morning and intimated that someone had gained admission to the shed during the night. A message, describing the articles, was accordingly circulated at all stations.

A district watchman in the Wan-chai District later saw the defendant carrying a large bundle and, his suspicions being aroused, he followed the man into a pawnshop. The defendant was questioned and, not being able to give a satisfactory explanation, he was taken to the Wan-chai Police Station where it was discovered that the articles tallied with the list which had been previously circulated.

When arrested, the defendant was wearing a cardigan, a pair of baseball shoes and a cap, all of which were included in the list of articles.

The stop watch, a pair of flannel trousers and a counterpane had been pawned for the ridiculous low sum of \$4.20 altogether. The total value of the missing articles was \$30.

Admission was gained through an open door during the night, no breaking being necessary.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to six weeks' hard labour and ordered the articles, which had been pawned, to be returned, without compensation to the pawnbroker. His Worship declined to make any order in respect of a sum of money which was found in the defendant's possession.

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